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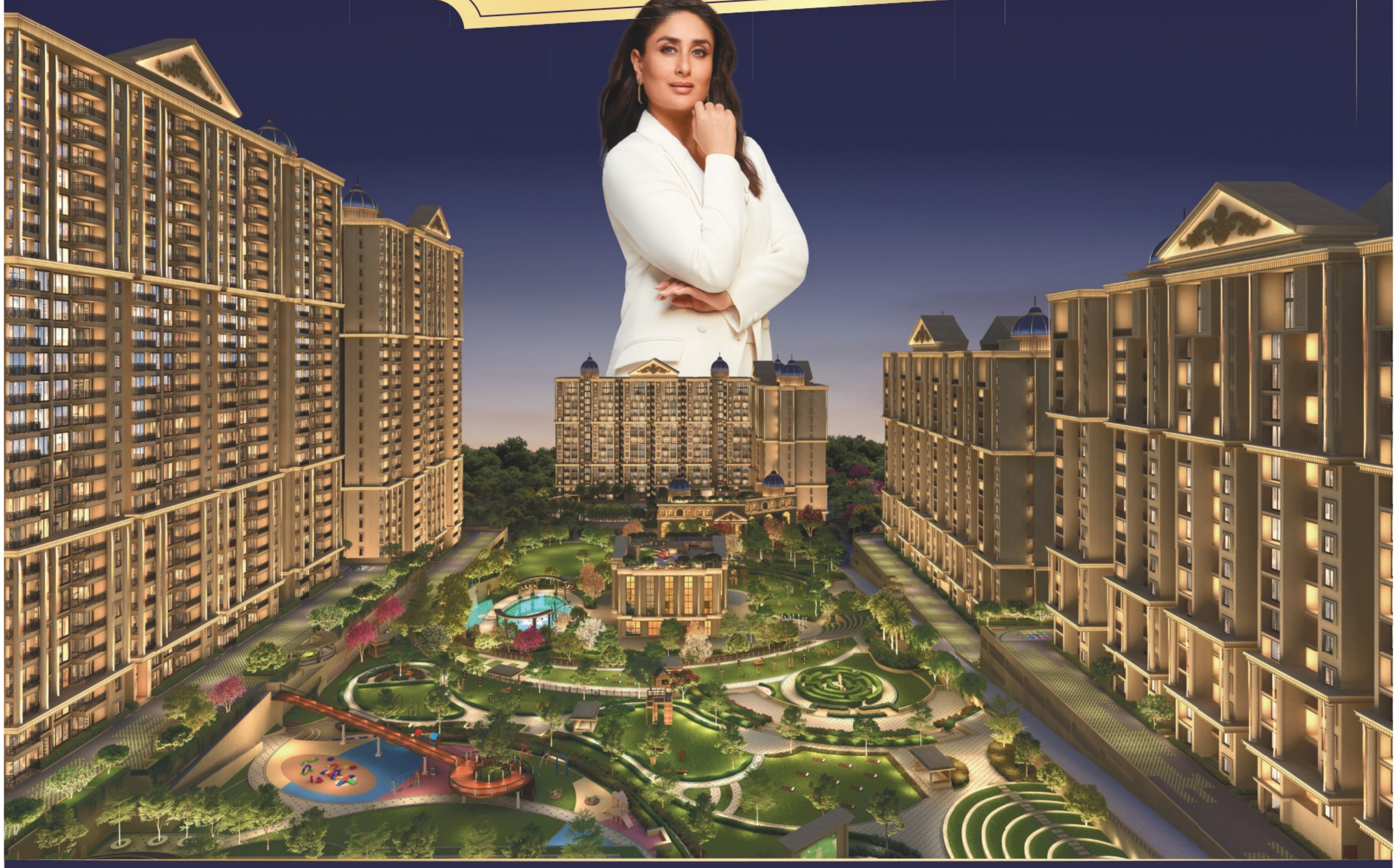

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Uncertainty continues in T.N. over govt. formation

Left backs TVK, but VCK holds back decision by a day; Vijay meets Governor again and stakes claim showing support of 116 MLAs, two short of majority; AMMK leader alleges horse-trading

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Numbers game: TVK chief Vijay meets Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Arlekar at the Lok Bhavan in Chennai on Friday to stake claim to form government. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Uncertainty prevailed over government formation in Tamil Nadu on Friday night as the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) remained undecided on backing actor C. Joseph Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), though the Communist Party of India and the CPI(Marxist) offered "unconditional support" to the party. Indian Union Muslim League leader Khader Moideen said his party has not given any letter of support to the TVK.

Late evening, Mr. Vijay called on Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar for the third time, staking claim to form the government, after receiving the support of the Left parties. His post-poll front's tally stood at 116, still short of the halfway mark in the 234-member House. Till the filing of this report well past midnight, the Lok Bhavan did not issue any communication on the Governor's decision.

In a development past midnight, Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) T.T.V. Dhinakaran accused the TVK of submitting to the Governor the photocopy of a "forged letter" claiming it has the support of his party's lone MLA-elect S. Kamaraj. "The TVK, which claims to be a 'pure force' has indulged in forgery in the hope that later they could indulge in horse-trading and buy our lone MLA, as it would not attract anti-defection law. They submitted a photocopy of a WhatsApp letter to the Governor. When he asked for the original, they left saying it will be brought," he told journalists outside the Lok Bhavan, accompanied by Mr. Kamaraj. He said a police complaint will be lodged.

Earlier on Friday night, Mr. Dhinakaran submitted another letter to the Governor extending support to AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami, urging that he be invited to form the government. The letter carried his signature as well as that of Mr. Kamaraj's (obtained earlier).

Sources said VCK leader Thol. Thirumavalavan, who met outgoing Chief Minister and DMK leader M.K. Stalin, indicated he had not issued any letter of support to the TVK yet.

Earlier, at a virtual consultation conducted by Mr. Thirumavalavan, the party leaders were learnt to have contemplated seeking the post of Deputy Chief Minister for him and another Cabinet berth should it join a coalition led by the TVK. Besides, the VCK wanted continuity of commissions appointed against caste killings and provision of reservation in promotions in government jobs.

Mr. Thirumavalvan is expected to make an announcement on the alliance on Saturday.

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Cong. high command likely to name Kerala CM tomorrow

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The decision on Congress Chief Minister in Kerala seemed to assume the contours of a political cliff-hanger on Friday. The question of who among the three Chief Minister probables – Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan, All India Congress Committee general secretary K.C. Venugopal, and senior leader Ramesh Chennithala – would make the cut appeared set to go down to the wire, with party high command reportedly scheduled to make the pivotal announcement on Sunday.

Mr. Satheesan, Mr. Chennithala and KPCC chief Sunny Joseph were bound for Delhi, reportedly for talks with the high command.

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Suvendu Adhikari to take oath as Bengal Chief Minister today

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Amit Shah felicitates West Bengal CM-designate Suvendu AdhikaRI on Friday. PTI

The MLAs-elect of the BJP in West Bengal unanimously elected Suvendu Adhikari as leader of their Legislature Party on Friday. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who presided over the meeting, said all proposals were received in favour of Mr. Adhikari.

Accompanied by several leaders of the BJP's State unit, including Dilip Ghosh, Locket Chatterjee, and Tapas Roy, the Chief Minister-designate reached Lok Bhavan and met Governor R.N. Ravi to stake claim to form the government.

The BJP had won 207 seats in the 294-member Assembly while the Trinamool Congress was reduced to 80 seats.

Mr. Adhikari, 57, will take oath as the first BJP Chief Minister of West Bengal at Kolkata's Brigade Parade Grounds on Saturday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Chief Ministers of the BJP and National Democratic Alliance-ruled States will participate in the swearing-in.

Amidst cheers from the MLAs-elect, Mr. Adhikari said: "*Bhoi* [fear] is out, and as Narendra Modi*ji* has said, *bhorsa* [faith] is in. We will not be satisfied with 46% votes and in the next election, we will have to bring 60% of the people with us," he added.

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CM holds talks on SIR with citizens' groups

BENGALURU
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a meeting with leaders and representatives of prominent citizens' groups on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, on Friday. » PAGE 10

Uniforms, ID cards must for Energy Dept. staff

BENGALURU
In a move aimed at preventing fraud, the government has directed all field staff of the State's Energy Department to compulsorily wear uniforms and official identity cards while on duty. » PAGE 6

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U.S. court rules against 10% tariff, but no relief for traders

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Donald Trump

The U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT) has ruled that the 10% temporary tariff President Donald Trump imposed on all U.S. trade partners, including India, was "unauthorised by law", striking a further blow to his attempts at using tariffs as tools to advance his policy priorities.

However, while the ruling sets a precedent, it does not translate into immediate relief for exporters around the world. The court on Thursday provided relief to only the plaintiffs – two small companies in the U.S. and Washington State – with the tariff remaining on all other importers.

The U.S. government is expected to appeal the judgment at the federal level, which could extend the process by several months.

Mr. Trump, on February 24, 2026, used Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 to impose a 10% tariff on imports from around the world for 150 days.

This was in response to the U.S. Supreme Court striking down his country-wise reciprocal tariffs, which were based on the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) of 1977.

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State ranks third in corruption cases in 2024

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

National Crime Records Bureau data for the year 2024 shows that Karnataka stood third in recorded corruption cases with 334 cases. Maharashtra, at 721 cases, had the highest followed by Tamil Nadu with 374 cases. However, there is a marginal drop in cases in Karnataka, which recorded 362 cases in 2023 and 389 cases in 2022.

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GBA polls may be held between June 14 and 24

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Elections to the five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) are expected to be held between June 14 and 24, State Election Commissioner G.S. Sangreshi said on Friday, ruling out any delay as the Supreme Court has directed that a compliance report on the conduct of polls be submitted by June 30.

Bengaluru has been without an elected body since 2020 and if all goes as planned, the civic polls will finally be held this year. As per the final electoral rolls released on April 18, the GBA has 88,95,361 electorates across its 369 wards. As per earlier State Election Commission announcement, the elections will be conducted with ballot papers.

Addressing the media, Mr. Sangreshi said the process to determine the poll schedule had formally begun, with a meeting convened as per provisions of the GBA Act. He said the SEC had communicated with the government and sought the views of the GBA after invoking provisions under "Column 10 (4)" of the legislation.

Inputs were also taken from the Commissioners of the five corporations before moving ahead with the scheduling exercise. Mr. Sangreshi said the Commission was equipped to conduct the elections.

During the discussions, GBA officials cited several practical difficulties, including the monsoon, examinations currently under way, the Census process, the SIR of electoral rolls, limited staff availability and the possibility of natural disruptions, while requesting additional time.

However, the SEC said all these reasons were already mentioned in the letter that SEC, upon GBA's request, had taken up with the Supreme Court, and said that the SEC will abide by the previous directions given - to conduct elections before June 30.

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The quiet rise of a reticent giant: Ayush Shetty's slow-burn ascent

The 6'4" shuttler isn't the quintessential prodigy. He did not win a National Championship in any age category. But he has beaten the world's best in recent weeks, showing he belongs on the big stage. What does the 21-year-old need to contend for badminton's most prestigious tournaments?

N. Sudarshan

The journey from promise to performance is one of the most important markers of an elite sportsperson's quality. How the boundless energy, youthful drive and seemingly infinite potential amalgamate and transform into sustained success often defines a player's worthiness.

Ayush Shetty, the rising 21-year-old badminton player who has been the toast of the nation in recent weeks, is the latest Indian to try and crack this code. After first coming into the limelight in October 2023 by bagging a bronze medal at the World Junior Championships, Ayush, in his first full-fledged year on the senior circuit, secured the 2025 US Open Super 300 title.

Inspired run

Last month, he made an inspired run to the final of the Badminton Asia Championships (BAC) in China, beating three top-10 players en route and breaking into the world's top-20 at the end of it. At the Thomas Cup that followed, he helped India finish with a creditable bronze medal, only its second podium finish at the prestigious team event, adding to the 2022 gold.

> Ayush has beaten at least six or seven top-10 players and that is a big plus for me. I would rate him as good as any top-10 player... [but] he needs more variations. Also he cannot afford to be a slow starter
>
> **U. VIMAL KUMAR**
> Chief coach, Centre for Badminton Excellence

"In the last couple of years, we believed he was progressing well, and that he would show this performance," said U. Vimal Kumar, Dronacharya awardee and chief coach at the Centre for Badminton Excellence in Bengaluru – erstwhile Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA) – where Ayush trains.

"His height [6'4"] and the sharpness he has while playing the downward shots are tremendous advantages for him. In fact, this is the age for a player to show results. They might not win big tournaments, but at 18, 19 and 20, if you can show that you are capable of beating top international players, create upsets...

"I always look for that trend. Players who have excelled at the world stage have all done that. Ayush is one of them."

Interestingly, Ayush, unlike a quintessential prodigy, has had a quiet rise. When he was younger, he was indeed spoken about in badminton circles, but they were mostly in hushed tones and whispers. As Krishna Kumar, his childhood coach, pointed out, Ayush never won a National title.

"Nothing at any sub-junior or junior National Championship, and his father was very upset about it," said Krishna Kumar. "I told him, 'Don't worry, the real results will come when he is somewhere around 19 or a senior.' When he was 19, he became junior No. 2 in the world."

That belief was courtesy the impression Ayush left on Krishna Kumar nearly a decade ago at the U-13 Nationals in Vijayawada. So deep was it that the rendezvous resulted in the talented youngster coming under the coach's tutelage at I-Sports badminton school in Bengaluru within a year of moving from Karkala in Udupi district.

Early impression

"I was the Karnataka coach and there was a training camp at the Karnataka Badminton Association (KBA)," Krishna Kumar recollected. "Back then, the PPBA was inside KBA and I requested Vimal Kumar for a player for Ayush to practise with. But that boy beat Ayush very easily, two days in a row.

"Once in Vijayawada, Ayush won the first and second rounds but developed a fever after that. I asked him to take an injection and play. He met that same PPBA player, and to our surprise, won the match in two straight games. That was the first sign.

"After that, every time he used to be in the lower-age category, he used to trouble those higher. He had a clear vision. In his first year in U-15, he wanted to become the top player in India. He had the ambition to play at the international level. I would say, he is fearless."

The ability to punch above his weight is a recurring feature. It was most recently seen at the BAC, where, as World No. 25, he beat the then No. 1 Kunlavut Vitidsarn, No. 4 Jonatan Christie and No. 7 Li Shi Feng.

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> **KRISHNA KUMAR**
> Childhood coach

In the Thomas Cup quarters against Chinese Taipei, he felled reigning All England Open champion and World No. 8 Lin Chun-Yi in authoritative fashion – 21-16, 21-17 in 48 minutes.

"He has beaten at least six or seven players in the top-10 and that is a big plus for me," said Vimal. "At BAC, I was most impressed by the way he defended. After blocking the shuttle, his approach to the net was really good. The flick and the tumble at the net were near-perfect. I would rate him as good as any top-10 player."

Ayush's ascent comes at a critical time for Indian badminton. Last year was frighteningly barren for the country, with Ayush's Super 300 trophy and Lakshya Sen's Australian Open Super 500 crown being the only top prizes.

But in the first four months of 2026 alone, Ayush and Lakshya – by reaching the All England final – have brought things back on track. The two are now ranked 18th and 11th in the world, and will be the prime drivers of the Indian challenge at the BWF World Championships this August in New Delhi.

However, it is also a fact that India has had a series of near misses in recent times. No Indian men's singles player has won an elite BWF Super 1000-level title since K. Srikanth's success at the 2017 Denmark Open. Can Lakshya, or Ayush, help end the drought?

"Ayush needs to bring in more variations," opined Vimal. "Against Shi Yu Qi [then No. 2] in the BAC final, he thought he could just hit through. But Shi is one of the most complete players and did not allow Ayush to play to his strengths.

"Also, he cannot afford to be a slow starter. With games becoming 15-point affairs from next year, I don't know if it's going to make it like T20 [cricket]. He can't play the way he did against Christo Popov [in the 11-21, 9-21 Thomas Cup semifinal loss to France]. If you don't get going early, you are out."

The path forward will be far from uncomplicated. There will be pitfalls galore, like the negative effects of early stardom, wavering focus, injuries, etc. A wrong step or two can derail a career.

Vimal doesn't want Ayush to succumb to the perils of fame, and instead wants him to stay true to his reticent, introverted personality. The former National champion wasn't too approving of the exuberant celebrations following India's Thomas Cup quarterfinal triumph over Taipei.

"When your personality is a certain way, you should not go looking for something that is not there," the former National champion stated bluntly. "You still had a semifinal to play. Lakshya is different, more flamboyant, but not Ayush."

Cultivating an aura

Instead, Ayush could work on making better use of his physical stature, felt Vimal.

"The best players I've seen at close quarters, from Prakash Padukone to Morten Frost, all had an aura," said Vimal. "Ayush is a big, tall guy, and when he comes onto the court, he should look threatening.

"When Viktor Axelsen walked in, the far-eastern players used to be worried. I could make out from their eyes. Ayush has to develop something similar."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	24	14,350	20
2	Carlos Alcaraz	22	12,960	18
3	Alexander Zverev	29	5,805	22
4	Novak Djokovic	38	4,700	17
5	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	4,050	24
6	Ben Shelton	23	4,030	22
7	Taylor Fritz	28	3,770	23
8	Alex de Minaur	27	3,755	22
9	Daniil Medvedev	30	3,460	24
10	Lorenzo Musetti	24	3,415	23
11	Alexander Bublik	28	3,355	26
12	Flavio Cobolli	23	2,750	28
13	Jiri Lehecka	24	2,715	22
14	Andrey Rublev	28	2,590	24
15	Karen Khachanov	29	2,220	24

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 276 ▲ 1 spot

Manas Dhamne
Rank 384 ▲ 60 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	10,110	19
2	Elena Rybakina	26	8,555	23
3	Iga Swiatek	24	6,948	19
4	Coco Gauff	22	6,749	19
5	Jessica Pegula	32	6,136	21
6	Amanda Anisimova	24	5,985	20
7	Mirra Andreeva	19	4,181	21
8	Jasmine Paolini	30	3,722	20
9	Victoria Mboko	19	3,531	21
10	Elina Svitolina	31	3,530	15
11	Karolina Muchova	29	3,318	18
12	Belinda Bencic	29	3,090	19
13	Linda Noskova	21	2,999	23
14	Ekaterina Alexandrova	31	2,669	26
15	Marta Kostyuk	23	2,507	19

Top Indians ▶

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 358 ▲ 28 spots

Vaishnavi Adkar
Rank 397 ▼ 14 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	35	23	7	5	67	26	41	76
2	Man. City	34	21	8	5	69	32	37	71
3	Man. United	35	18	10	7	63	48	15	64
4	Liverpool	35	17	7	11	59	47	12	58
5	Aston Villa	35	17	7	11	48	44	4	58
6	Bournemouth	35	12	16	7	55	52	3	52
7	Brentford	35	14	9	12	52	46	6	51
8	Brighton	35	13	11	11	49	42	7	50
9	Chelsea	35	13	9	13	54	48	6	48
10	Everton	35	13	9	13	44	44	0	48
11	Fulham	35	14	6	15	44	49	-5	48
12	Sunderland	35	12	11	12	37	46	-9	47
13	Newcastle	35	13	6	16	49	51	-2	45
14	Leeds United	35	10	13	12	47	52	-5	43
15	Crystal Palace	34	11	10	13	36	42	-6	43
16	N. Forest	35	11	9	15	44	46	-2	42
17	Tottenham	35	9	10	16	45	54	-9	37
18	West Ham	35	9	9	17	42	61	-19	36
19	Burnley	35	4	8	23	35	71	-36	20
20	Wolves	35	3	9	23	25	63	-38	18

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	35	26	4	5	82	31	51	82
2	Napoli	35	21	7	7	52	33	19	70
3	AC Milan	35	19	10	6	48	29	19	67
4	Juventus	35	18	11	6	58	30	28	65
5	Roma	35	20	4	11	52	29	23	64
6	Como	35	17	11	7	59	28	31	62
7	Atalanta	35	14	13	8	47	32	15	55
8	Lazio	35	13	12	10	39	34	5	51
9	Bologna	35	14	7	14	42	41	1	49
10	Sassuolo	35	14	7	14	43	44	-1	49
11	Udinese	35	13	8	14	43	46	-3	47
12	Parma	35	10	12	13	25	42	-17	42
13	Torino	35	11	8	16	39	58	-19	41
14	Genoa	35	10	10	15	40	48	-8	40
15	Cagliari	35	9	10	16	36	49	-13	37
16	Fiorentina	35	8	13	14	38	49	-11	37
17	Lecce	35	8	8	19	24	47	-23	32
18	Cremonese	35	6	10	19	27	53	-26	28
19	Verona	35	3	11	21	24	57	-33	20
20	Pisa	35	2	12	21	25	63	-38	18

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	34	29	1	4	89	31	58	88
2	Real Madrid	34	24	5	5	70	31	39	77
3	Villarreal	34	21	5	8	64	39	25	68
4	Atletico Madrid	34	19	6	9	58	37	21	63
5	Real Betis	34	13	14	7	52	41	11	53
6	Celta Vigo	34	12	11	11	48	44	4	47
7	Getafe	34	13	5	16	28	36	-8	44
8	Athletic Club	34	13	5	16	40	50	-10	44
9	Real Sociedad	34	11	10	13	52	53	-1	43
10	Osasuna	34	11	9	14	40	42	-2	42
11	Rayo Vallecano	34	10	12	12	35	41	-6	42
12	Valencia	34	10	9	15	37	50	-13	39
13	Espanyol	34	10	9	15	37	51	-14	39
14	Elche	34	9	11	14	45	53	-8	38
15	Real Mallorca	34	10	8	16	42	51	-9	38
16	Girona	34	9	11	14	36	51	-15	38
17	Sevilla	34	10	7	17	41	55	-14	37
18	Alaves	34	9	9	16	40	53	-13	36
19	Levante	34	8	9	17	38	55	-17	33
20	Real Oviedo	34	6	10	18	26	54	-28	28

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	32	26	5	1	116	35	81	83
2	Dortmund	32	20	7	5	65	32	33	67
3	RB Leipzig	32	19	5	8	63	42	21	62
4	Leverkusen	32	17	7	8	66	43	23	58
5	Stuttgart	32	17	7	8	66	46	20	58
6	Hoffenheim	32	17	7	8	64	48	16	58
7	SC Freiburg	32	12	8	12	45	53	-8	44
8	Eintracht	32	11	10	11	57	60	-3	43
9	FC Augsburg	32	11	7	14	42	56	-14	40
10	Mainz	32	9	10	13	41	50	-9	37
11	M'gladbach	32	8	11	13	37	50	-13	35
12	Hamburg	32	8	10	14	36	51	-15	34
13	Union Berlin	32	8	9	15	37	57	-20	33
14	Cologne	32	7	11	14	47	55	-8	32
15	Werder	32	8	8	16	37	57	-20	32
16	Wolfsburg	32	6	8	18	42	67	-25	26
17	St Pauli	32	6	8	18	27	55	-28	26
18	Heidenheim	32	5	8	19	38	69	-31	23

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	880	932
2	Harry Brook	857	898
3	Travis Head	853	884
4	Steve Smith	831	947
5	Kane Williamson	822	919
6	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
7	Temba Bavuma	775	806
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	750	858
9	Saud Shakeel	734	787
10	Shubman Gill	730	807

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	879	908
2	Noman Ali	843	853
3	Mitchell Starc	838	852
4	Matt Henry	836	853
5	Pat Cummins	832	914
6	Marco Jansen	825	825
7	Scott Boland	820	820
8	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
9	Josh Hazlewood	775	864
10	Nathan Lyon	753	812

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Daryl Mitchell	815	840
2	Virat Kohli	791	908
3	Ibrahim Zadran	756	756
4	Rohit Sharma	748	879
5	Shubman Gill	716	841
6	Babar Azam	684	894
7	Shai Hope	679	782
7	Harry Tector	679	730
9	K.L. Rahul	664	676
9	Salman Agha	664	664

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	705	775
2	Jofra Archer	649	682
3	Keshav Maharaj	645	737
4	Adil Rashid	629	671
5	Josh Hazlewood	626	725
6	Maheesh Theekshana	624	680
6	Kuldeep Yadav	624	757
8	Mehidy Hasan	621	722
9	Mitchell Santner	599	656
9	Adam Zampa	599	696

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	875	931
2	Ishan Kishan	871	871
3	Sahibzada Farhan	848	848
4	Phil Salt	792	881
5	Pathum Nissanka	766	796
6	Tilak Varma	742	845
7	Suryakumar Yadav	722	912
8	Jos Buttler	716	794
9	Dewald Brevis	702	738
10	Brian Bennett	701	708

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	753	828
2	Varun Chakaravarthy	740	818
3	Abrar Ahmed	736	757
4	Adil Rashid	721	747
5	Jasprit Bumrah	702	783
6	Adam Zampa	682	746
7	Corbin Bosch	669	745
8	Matthew Forde	667	679
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	663	757
10	Nathan Ellis	661	678

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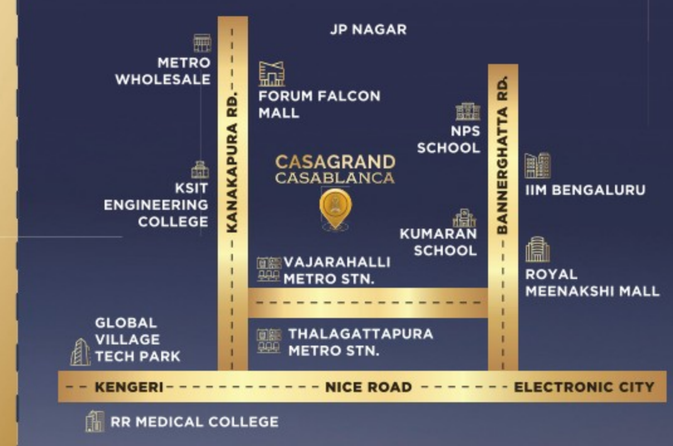

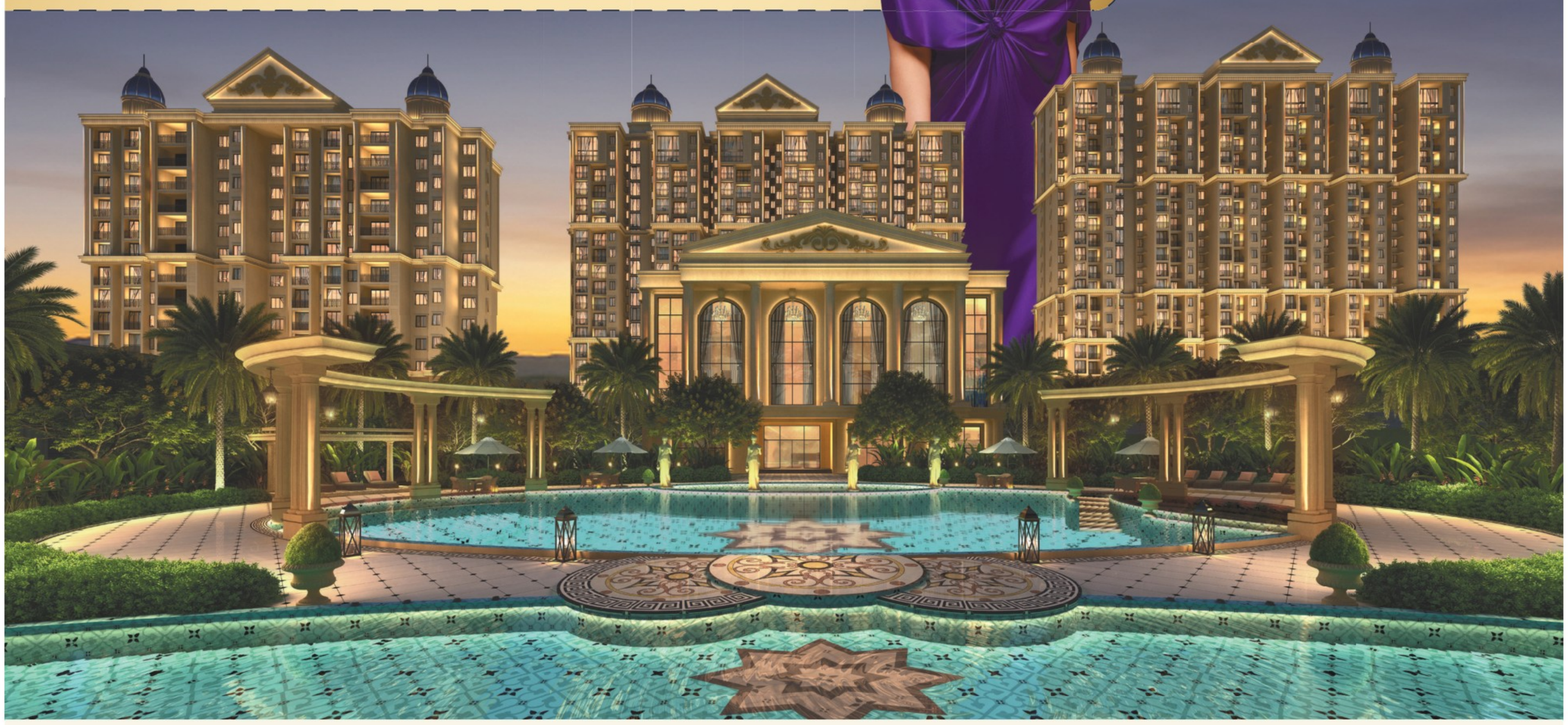

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Diamonde in the rough: why Europe's big clubs covet the Leipzig winger

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The 19-year-old has turned heads in Germany with his catalogue of spectacular goals and dazzling dribbles. His game isn't fully formed yet, but his breakthrough season in the Bundesliga suggests that there are seemingly no limits to just how good he can get

Sports Bureau

Two years ago, Yan Diomande was a world away from top-level professional football.

He was training with a private academy in Florida, representing the academy's affiliate team in a developmental American league. In 2026, the Ivory Coast teenager is one of the breakout stars of the Bundesliga. The winger's 19 goal involvements have helped RB Leipzig to third in the German top flight, with a Champions League spot for next season in its grasp.

On the radar

In addition to 12 goals and seven assists in 31 appearances, Diomande's gasp-inducing dribbling has caught the eye of recruitment departments at elite clubs.

The 19-year-old has completed 3.5 dribbles per game in 2025-26. The next best in the Bundesliga is 2.3. The only player with more prolific dribbling numbers than Diomande in Europe's top-five leagues is Barcelona's Lamine Yamal, with 4.8. In addition to his flair, he is willing to work off the ball when his side doesn't have possession.

Unsurprisingly, PSG, Liverpool and Bayern Munich have all been credited with interest in Diomande – astonishing for a player with fewer than 50 professional league appearances!

When you consider Diomande's back-story, his runaway success feels all the more incredible. Born in the Ivorian metropolis of Abidjan, his early life in football was one of struggle.

"We didn't have a good situation at home," he told RB Leipzig media. "We didn't have money and not much space, so I left to go to a village, follow my passion and play football. Everyone is playing on the street and it's really nice, but we don't play with this [football boots], just shoes. To play with boots you have to have money, so somebody bought them for me because I didn't have money nor did my family."

In 2022, his talent unlocked an opportunity to move to the USA. He made the courageous decision to fend for himself as a young teen. Far from home, alone in a foreign country, Diomande studied and trained, hoping to break into a Major League Soccer team. That didn't work out, nor did an audition with Rangers in the Scottish Premiership.

He was scouted by LaLiga side Leganes, with whom he signed a contract in 2024. His debut, at the Santiago Bernabeu in March 2025, brought him face to face with Kylian Mbappe and Vinicius Jr., superstars he had only seen on television. Playing at a historic stadium against an iconic team felt like a dream.

"When I was a kid, [my parents] bought me a Cristiano Ronaldo shirt, so actually he is my idol," Diomande told Bundesliga media. "And now I watch a lot of players – Mbappe, [Rafael] Leao, Vinicius – players that play in my position, to look and learn from them."

While Diomande was adapting to professional football, RB Leipzig – after a club-wide reckoning, led by new head of football Jurgen Klopp, following the worst top-flight season in its history – was scouring the globe for hidden gems.

Leipzig director Marcel Schafer admitted that unearthing the next diamond was becoming more challenging, but a player in LaLiga had shown up on the club's statistical model.

First-mover advantage

"We saw the data and immediately knew that we had to take a detailed look, both on video and in live matches," said Schafer. "Our advantage was that we were there before he had even played 200 minutes in the league. We didn't need to have five conversations about signing him because the profile was clear. It was a 100% match from our side."

The profile Leipzig identified so early is now on glorious display in Germany. Diomande's game isn't fully formed yet, but it's already at a very high level. He can create separation from a standing start, bursting past his marker into space. He can also elude defenders on the run with dribbles at high pace. As his goal catalogue shows, he has the rare ability to hit the target with his 'weaker' left foot – as a result, he has access to a wide range of finishes from both wings.

"My style is explosive, fast, and physically strong," Diomande said. "Quick, agile, and also a finisher. I know I am not yet a perfect finisher, but I am only 19. With time, it will come - and I will become a killer in front of goal. I like to say: I left the streets, but the streets did not leave me."

This season in the Bundesliga, Diomande averages 22 sprints and 66 intensive runs per game. He has been recorded at a top speed of 36.3 kmph.

Leipzig manager Ole Werner told *Sky Germany* his player was "unstoppable". "He's spectacular, sharp, and basically unstoppable. What's really special is that he doesn't need fancy moves. He just relies on his timing, ball control, and speed," Werner said.

"But what's even more important to me is that he works for the team and is very good at counter-pressing. It's a matter of attitude, and he demonstrates that. He can go far if he keeps working just as hard as he has been and doesn't get too big for his boots."

The evidence so far suggests Diomande won't stop pushing himself. "I believe I can keep improving and become even better than I am now," he said. Where in Spain he "only had to worry about spending time on the ball", Germany has taught him the value of going to the gym to get stronger "because it's much more physical here".

Diomande has also shown that he has a long-term perspective. In 2024, he chose Leganes over Chelsea, which was also interested in him, because "it's not always just about money. If you play well, it will come naturally. I'm young; I need to play".

It's why he isn't paying attention to any of the transfer rumours currently in circulation. While he did say during a TikTok live session that his father, a Liverpool fan, dreamt of seeing Yan play at Anfield, he later told German outlet *Sport Bild* that his "dream club right now is Leipzig".

Will he, won't he?

Several top clubs will be shopping for wingers this summer, and Diomande is on every shortlist. But Leipzig has no need to sell; Diomande's contract runs until 2030. The strong likelihood of Leipzig playing in the Champions League next season not only offers the player what he wants but also further reduces the club's incentive to cash in on a valuable asset.

Reports suggest that Leipzig is unlikely to listen to any offer below 100 million euros, which promises a significant profit on the 20 million euros it paid Leganes. If Diomande closes out the season in similar style and then makes an impression at the World Cup, there will be no shortage of big clubs testing Leipzig's resolve to hold on to its young diamond.

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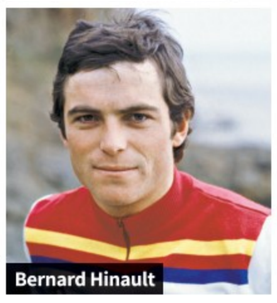
GAME THEORY

Bicycle chiefs: the most prolific Grand Tour champions

It's Grand Tour season. The first of cycling's three iconic multi-stage races, the Giro d'Italia, got underway on Friday. The Tour de France (July 4-26) and the Vuelta a Espana (August 22-September 13) complete the famed trinity. This week, we look at cycling's best multi-week male riders — the ones with the most Grand Tour titles:

Cyclist	Country	Winning span	Giro d'Italia	Tour de France	Vuelta a Espana	Total
Eddy Merckx	Belgium	1968–1974	5	5	1	11
Bernard Hinault	France	1978–1985	3	5	2	10
Jacques Anquetil	France	1957–1964	2	5	1	8
Fausto Coppi	Italy	1940–1953	5	2	0	7
Miguel Indurain	Spain	1991–1995	2	5	0	7
Alberto Contador	Spain	2007–2015	2	2	3	7
Chris Froome	Great Britain	2011–2018	1	4	2	7
Alfredo Binda	Italy	1925–1933	5	0	0	5
Gino Bartali	Italy	1936–1948	3	2	0	5
Felice Gimondi	Italy	1965–1976	3	1	1	5
Primoz Roglic	Slovenia	2019–2024	1	0	4	5
Tadej Pogacar	Slovenia	2020–2025	1	4	0	5
Tony Rominger	Switzerland	1992–1995	1	0	3	4
Roberto Heras	Spain	2000–2005	0	0	4	4
Vincenzo Nibali	Italy	2010–2016	2	1	1	4
Carlo Galetti	Italy	1910–1912	3	0	0	3
Philippe Thys	Belgium	1913–1920	0	3	0	3
Giovanni Brunero	Italy	1921–1926	3	0	0	3
Fiorenzo Magni	Italy	1948–1955	3	0	0	3
Louison Bobet	France	1953–1955	0	3	0	3
Charly Gaul	Luxembourg	1956–1959	2	1	0	3
Laurent Fignon	France	1983–1989	1	2	0	3
Pedro Delgado	Spain	1985–1989	0	1	2	3
Greg LeMond	United States	1986–1990	0	3	0	3
Jonas Vingegaard	Denmark	2022–2025	0	2	1	3

Eddy Merckx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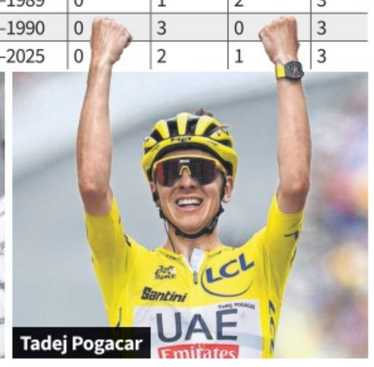

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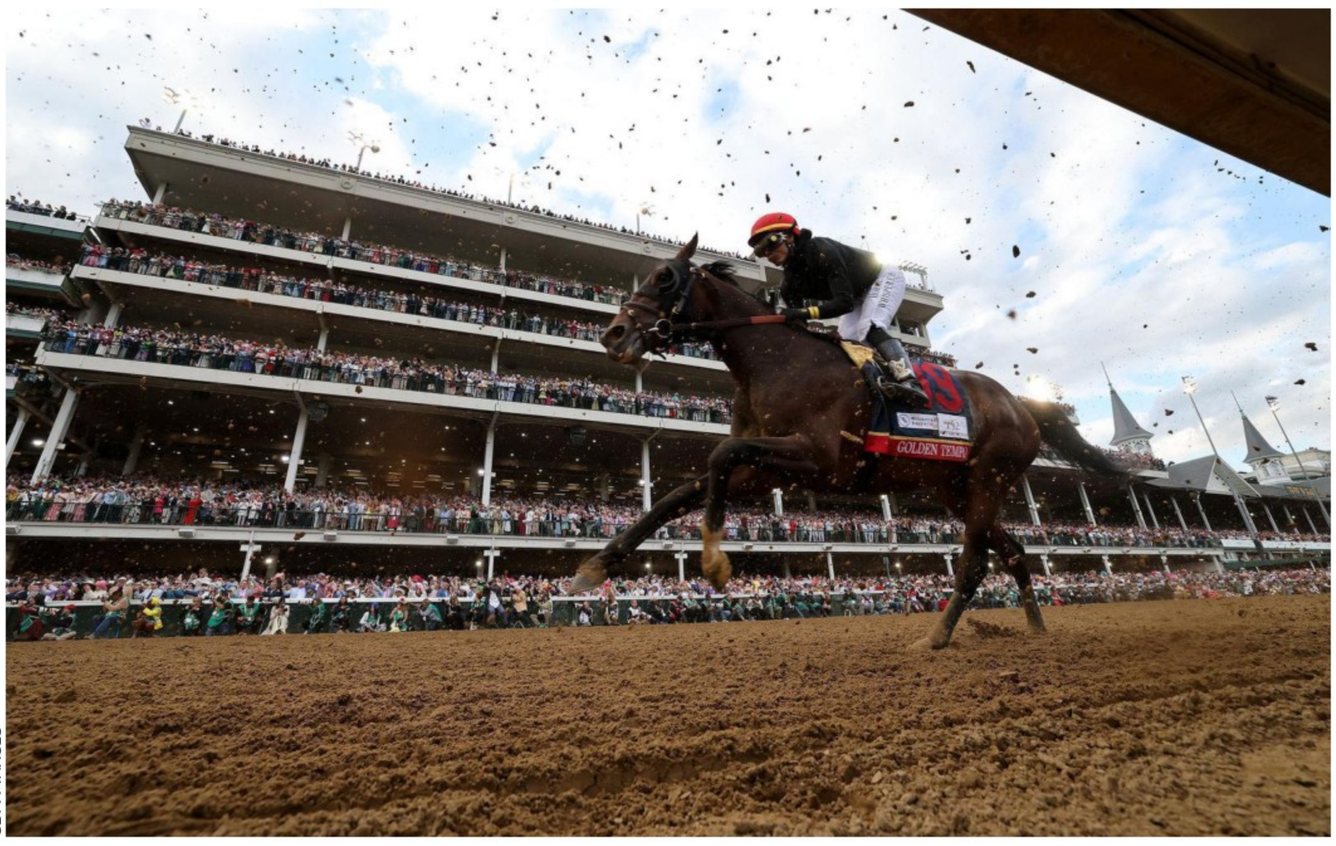

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Derby delight

Golden Tempo, ridden by jockey Jose Ortiz, won a historic edition of the Kentucky Derby in 2 minutes 2.27 seconds last weekend. It was the first time in 152 races that the winner had been trained by a woman — Cherie DeVaux. Billed as 'the most exciting two minutes in sports', the Derby is an annual horse race held at Churchill Downs in Louisville. It is, by a few years, the 'youngest' jewel in the American Triple Crown. But unlike the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes, which have had hiatuses, it has been staged every year since 1875, even during both World Wars and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Held annually on the first Saturday in May, it is preceded by the two-week-long Kentucky Derby Festival.

Known as 'The Run for the Roses', because the winning horse is draped in a blanket of roses, the event is the most-watched and most-attended horse race in the United States.

The fastest time ever run in the Derby was in 1973, when Secretariat, one of the most famous racehorses in history, clocked 1 minute 59.4 seconds, breaking Northern Dancer's 1964 record.

GBA likely to seek State government's intervention to postpone elections

The announcement has triggered concern among corporation officials, who argue that the timeline is too short given the acute shortage of staff

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) is likely to seek the State government's intervention to urge the State Election Commission (SEC) to move the Supreme Court once again for postponement of civic body elections to September, citing administrative constraints and inadequate preparation time.

The move comes after Karnataka State Election Commissioner G.S. Sangreshi, following a meeting with senior GBA officials on Friday, said the government had been asked to identify feasible dates for conducting the elections within the June 14 to June 24 window.

Tushar Giri Nath, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, told *The Hindu* that the State government would be approached to seek more time through the SEC.

The announcement has triggered concern among corporation officials, who argue that the timeline is too short given the acute shortage of staff and multiple parallel responsibilities currently being handled by civic authorities.

Officials pointed out that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Census-related work and monsoon preparedness measures are already under way across the city. They also noted that after the Census process began, instructions were issued not to deploy booth-level officers engaged in Census work for election-related duties. This has further burdened Revenue Department officials, who are simultaneously handling khata-related work bound by a strict timeline.

Tushar Giri Nath, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, told *The Hindu* that the State government would be approached to seek more time through the SEC. "We will seek State government's intervention to request the SEC to approach the Supreme Court for three months' time so that we are better prepared for the elections. Our request through the SEC would be for suitable orders from the Supreme Court, as staff are currently engaged in several other critical activities," he said.

GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao said the issue had already been raised with the SEC. "The request has already been made and discussed with the SEC. The government too holds the same view, and we continue to make the same request," he said.

Triple test

Apart from logistical challenges, another hurdle for holding elections in June is the pending reservation roster exercise.

Under the Supreme Court-mandated "triple test" framework laid down in 2010, States must constitute a dedicated commission to gather empirical data on backwardness, determine reservation quotas based on that data, and ensure that total reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes does not exceed 50% before conducting local body polls. K.N. Lingappa, former member of the commission, said he had recently filed a petition contending that the State must first complete the triple test exercise. He said the matter is expected to come up before the High Court shortly, and maintained that elections cannot proceed without compliance with the requirement.

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GBA polls to be held between June 14 and 24

Mr. Sangreshi clarified that the meeting had been called solely to work out the election timeline and not to deliberate on extending the deadline. He said the Supreme Court's directions leave no room for deferment and added that the State Election Commission does not have the authority to alter the schedule.

The transition from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to GBA under the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024 is currently facing legal challenges in the Karnataka High Court. A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition filed in July 2025 challenges the Act's constitutionality, alleging it centralises power and reduces the elected body's authority. Mr. Sangreshi, however, said that he is not aware of the issue, and maintained that the Supreme Court's directions are already in place to conduct elections before June 30 and the SEC will act accordingly.

"A final indulgence has already been granted. A compliance report must be placed before the Supreme Court by June 30. We will be prepared from our side," he said.

The State government has been asked to suggest feasible dates within the June 14-24 window.

Preliminary work done for civic polls, say Congress, BJP leaders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the State Election Commission (SEC) announced that civic polls for the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) area will be conducted in June, former councillors said their respective parties are ready for the elections, with all preliminary groundwork completed.

However, they remain divided over the SEC's decision, presenting contrasting opinions, with some calling the move "hurried".

For instance, Abdul Wajid, former councillor and petitioner in the Supreme Court case seeking the conduct of civic polls, said the Congress party has already completed booth-level work and finished the application process and that candidate selection is in its final stages.

"Now, all we need to do is campaign, for which planning is also under way. Our MLAs and party leaders already have candidate names in mind, and in some cases, top contenders have also been informed," he said, adding that even Assembly election dates are announced in a similar manner, so the timing does not matter.

In contrast, G. Padmavathi, former mayor representing the Congress, opined that the SEC decided to conduct the elections on its own without taking the government into confidence.

Ms. Padmavathi claimed that a staff crunch would lead to inadequate preparation for the elections, which are being held after a decade. "Generally, civic body polls see less than 50% voter turnout, but this time, with proper planning and by allowing parties more time, a higher turnout could have been ensured," she said.

She pointed out that the monsoon will begin soon, meaning campaigning, which could have helped increase turnout, will have to be cut short..

"August-end or the first week of September would have been ideal, as there would be neither exams nor admissions in educational institutions," she said. BJP representatives, who had earlier doubted that elections were likely, are now saying they are fully prepared and will head into the polls with a positive mindset.

N.R. Ramesh, former councillor , told *The Hindu* that the party has long been prepared and is in the final stage of planning. "The Congress is still not ready and is using tactics by seeking an extension of the poll deadline, as it is divided over going to elections. We are doing our work on the ground, and we will definitely win four corporations. We may face difficulty in the central corporation," he said.

Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing in both parties. Mr. Ramesh told *The Hindu* that the BJP is planning to release a handbook on the Congress government's alleged poor governance, citing increases in water bills, electricity tariffs, Metro fares, bus fares, and the imposition of a garbage cess.

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Pedestrian killed in hit-and-run on M.G. Road

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A man in his late 50s was killed in a hit-and-run incident early on Friday morning on M.G. Road in the heart of the city, the police said.

The deceased has been identified as Srinivas, aged between 55 and 60, according to the police. However, they are yet to ascertain the identity of his family members. The incident unfolded around 4.30 a.m., a few meters before Anil Kumble Circle.

A preliminary police probe suggested that the deceased had used the washroom near the M.G. Road boulevard walkway and was crossing over to the other side of the road, when a reportedly speeding car struck him. However, the driver did not stop and drove away.

Srinivas suffered multiple injuries to his head, hands, and legs, and died on the spot. A senior police officer told *The Hindu* that they have launched a manhunt for the accused and are reviewing CCTV footage to trace the driver's identity.

The Cubbon Park Traffic Police have filed an FIR under Section 106(1) of the BNS (causing death by negligence) and provisions related to hit-and-run offences. Anoop A. Shetty, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), West, visited the spot and directed officers to trace the accused at the earliest.

Elderly woman killed in staged road accident for robbery; five arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a case of murder disguised as a road accident, the Kurubarahalli police have uncovered a conspiracy in which a woman was run over allegedly intentionally as part of a plan to loot her house. Five accused have been arrested in connection with the case.

The incident took place on Pipeline Road in Kurubarahalli in the limits of the Mahalakshmi Layout Police Station on April 21. Initially projected as a road accident, the case later turned out to be a preplanned murder for financial gain following a detailed police investigation.

The police identified the accused as Rakesh, Manjunath, Chetan, Pradeep, and Yohan.

According to investigators, Chetan acquainted himself with the victim, Vijayalakshmi, and earlier borrowed money from her. Aware that she possessed cash and gold ornaments at home, he allegedly conspired with his associates to rob her. In another development, one of the accused, Manjunath, reportedly died due to illness while in police custody. He was undergoing treatment at a hospital.

The police have registered a case and further investigation is under way.

State Planning Commission proposes 'Wisdom Valley' in Bengaluru Airport City

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

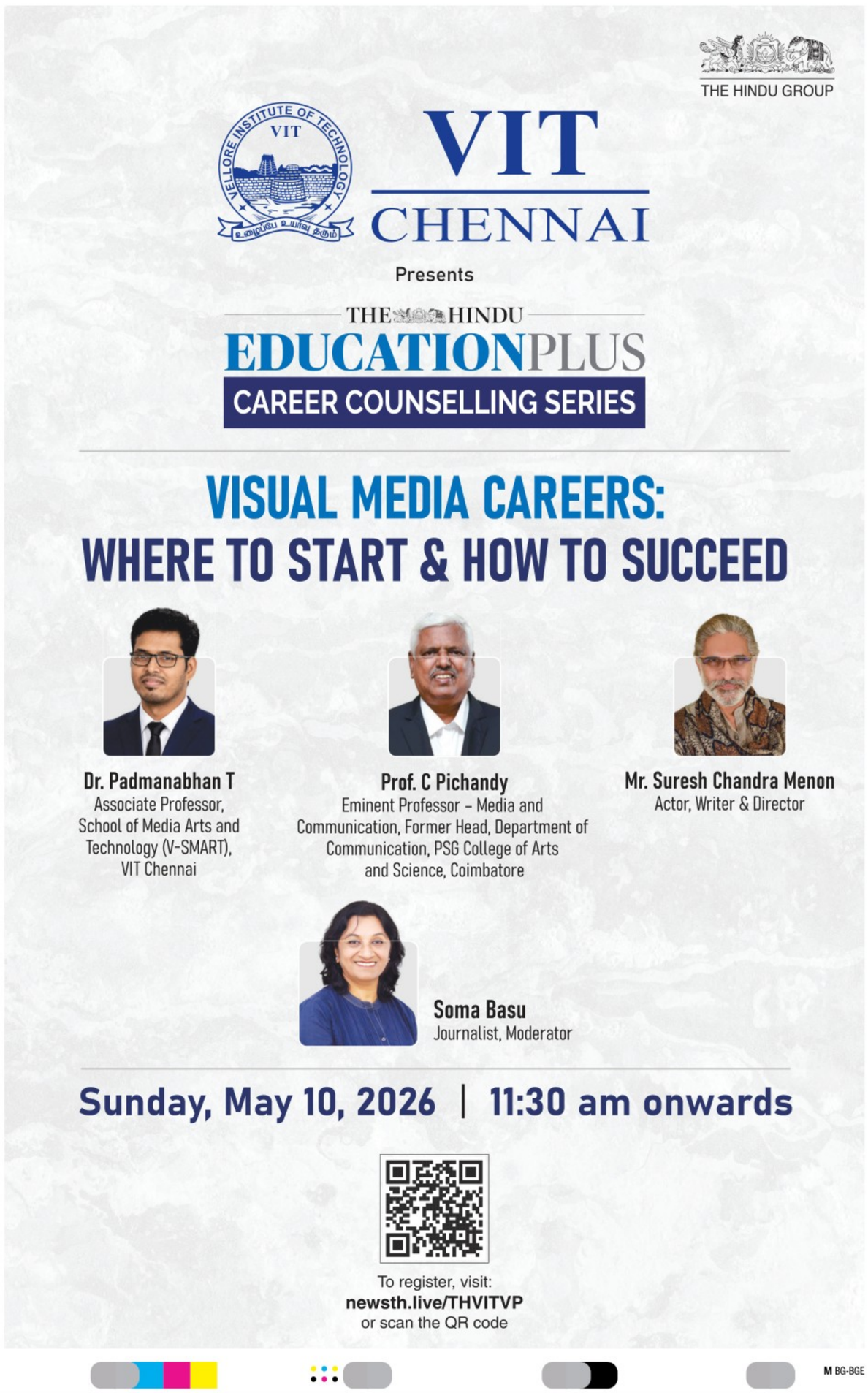
The Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission (KSPPC) has proposed establishment of Wisdom Valley, a world-class Knowledge City dedicated to promoting education, research, innovation and sustainable urban development at the Bengaluru Airport City, which is located near the Kempegowda International Airport.

"The project seeks to create a globally recognised ecosystem for knowledge creation, dissemination and application by integrating international institutes, research centres, innovation hubs, and knowledge-based industries within a single integrated urban framework," said KSPPC Vice-Chairman B.R Patil in a letter to the Principal Secretary, Department of Planning, Programme monitoring and Statistics. He added that the project estimated at approximately ₹15,500 crore will be implemented in phased stages comprising planning, infrastructure development, institutional establishment, and operationalisation.

Work in progress at Bengaluru Airport City, which is being developed by BIAL in Devanahalli. MURALI KUMAR K.

In another communication to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, KSPPC member S. Mohanadass Hegde said that the project is envisioned as an innovative urban development centered around fostering knowledge creation, dissemination and application. He said that this project should come up in the Bengaluru Airport City.

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Hari Marar in a letter to Ms. Rajneesh said, "We would appreciate the opportunity to engage further to assess how Wisdom Valley and the Airport City development may be aligned to maximise benefits for the State." Spread over 463 acres, the project is said to include a business park, a global innovation hub, an education and health district, a retail dining entertainment village, a concert arena, a convention centre, and a knowledge park, among other development features.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BWSSB collects over ₹18 crore a month in penalties alone

Out of the nearly 10.85 lakh connections BWSSB serves, 1.52 lakh connections are penalised every month

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) collects penalties of over ₹18 crore on average a month, nearly 10% of its overall water bill revenue now pegged at around ₹200 crore a month.

Out of the nearly 10.85 lakh connections it serves, 1.52 lakh connections are penalised every month.

BWSSB levies penalty for three kinds of violations: for not installing Rain Water Harvesting (RWH), for buildings without Occupancy Certificate and for not installing Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs).

RWH systems

All new buildings built after 2016 on plots of 30X40 feet and above have to install RWH systems. Not installing the same can attract a penalty of 50% of the water bill for a short period and on further non-compliance will go up to 100% of the bill every month. Data shows that 49,431 buildings pay penalty for not installing RWH and this amounts to an average of ₹4.56 crore a month.

V. Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB, recently announced that the Board will henceforth install RWH system at a cost of around ₹8000 to ₹10,000 for a built up area of 2,400 sqft. Till now, consumers had to get RWH systems installed through third party vendors. The Board has also offered to install the RWH system and collect the cost in monthly instalments adjusted to the penalty the consumer has been paying.

"Our goal is not to collect penalties, but to ensure water conservation. The Board installing RWH is a win-win situation for the consumer and the city as well," Mr. Manohar said.

OC Charges

BWSSB collects the most in penalties in the form of OC charges from buildings without Occupancy Certificates due to violations of building norms, to which the Board has given connections.

Depending on the size of the building, the penalty can vary between 50% to 100% of the water bill. A whopping 1.03 lakh such buildings pay an average penalty of ₹13.20 crore, per month.

Earlier, water and power connections were given to all buildings even though they do not have OCs from the civic body on the grounds that these are basic amenities. However, a December 2024 Supreme Court order made OC mandatory for utility connections. Following this, the State government has given some concessions to the OC rule.

"Earlier, we have given connections to buildings without OCs as well. A building with large scale violations puts a lot of pressure on our infrastructure network. Our sewage network is often overwhelmed and we need to repair it often. Considering all these costs, the penalty imposed on such buildings is less," Dr. Manohar said.

STP charges

BWSSB also collects ₹27 lakh per month as penalty from buildings that are mandated to install STPs, but haven't. There are only 320 such buildings and sources in BWSSB said efforts are on to convince them and get them to install STPs.

Cracking the whip

Penalty Type	Number of connections	Average amount collected per month
Rain Water Harvesting	49,431	₹4.56 crore
OC charges	1,03,048	₹13.20 crore
STP charges	320	₹27.41 lakh
Total	**1,52,799**	**₹18.05 crore**

Total number of connections served by BWSSB in GBA area till February 2026: **10,84,900**

Average water bill revenue per month: **Around ₹200 crore**

Crackdown: BWSSB's 'Blue Force' drive nets ₹55 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar flagging BWSSB's 'Blue Force' - for rigorous city-wide inspections through its special operations to crackdown across Bengaluru city.

The Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has intensified its crackdown on illegal water and sewerage connections across the city, disconnecting 11,217 unauthorised links and generating ₹55 crore in additional revenue over the past five months.

The enforcement, carried out by BWSSB's special squad 'Blue Force', covered 54,625 buildings across Bengaluru's North, South, East and West zones. Of the total disconnections, 9,751 were drinking water connections and 1,466 sewerage connections.

The East Zone recorded the highest number of disconnections at 3,151, while the South Zone saw the maximum inspections, with officials visiting 13,908 buildings, according to the BWSSB release.

A BWSSB release stated that the sustained drive has significantly reduced water misuse and revenue leakage. The Board has collected ₹50 crore through pro-rata charges by regularising illegal connections. Additionally, about 1,000 million litres of water that was previously used unlawfully has now been brought under the billing net, generating an estimated ₹5 crore in value, the release added.

The crackdown has also resulted in monthly savings of nearly 210 million litres of drinking water, easing pressure on the city's strained water infrastructure.

According to BWSSB Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar, the drive is part of a broader effort to improve water supply and sewerage services. He stressed that illegal connections and misuse adversely affect service delivery and infrastructure efficiency.

The 'Blue Force', inaugurated in November 2025, comprises 18 teams, each with four members.

Human-centric AI solutions to transform health claims showcased

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Artificial Intelligence-driven solutions aimed at transforming healthcare claims management under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) were showcased at the AB PM-JAY Auto-Adjudication Hackathon Showcase 2026 that began here on Friday.

The hackathon was organised by the National Health Authority (NHA) in collaboration with the IndiaAI Mission and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

A key focus of the event was the presentation of AI and Machine Learning (AI/ML)-based solutions developed under the hackathon to improve the speed, accuracy and transparency of claims adjudication while reducing fraud and manual intervention.

Teams presented AI-powered systems aimed at identifying tampered discharge summaries, manipulated medical bills, fabricated reports and ghost identities submitted during claims processing. The showcase also featured discussions on the role of Small Language Models.

Purple Line services to be suspended for two hours

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has announced a temporary suspension of metro services on a section of the Purple Line on Sunday to facilitate essential maintenance works.

Train services will be curtailed between Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji Station (Hosahalli) and Cubbon Park Metro Station from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The maintenance work will be carried out between Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station (Majestic), and Sir M. Visvesvaraya Station (Central College).

During the two-hour period, metro services will operate as per schedule on select stretches, including Challaghatta to Vijayanagar and M.G. Road to Whitefield (Kadugodi) on the Purple Line. Services on other corridors, including Madavara to Silk Institute and R.V. Road to Bommasandra, will also run as per the regular timetable.

BMRCL stated that normal services, including the affected stretch, will resume from 9 a.m.

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IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 58)

OS.NO.25484/2024

BETWEEN : THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LIMITED, Having its registered office at 'SIB HOUSE', T.B. Road, Thrissur-1, Kerala, And a branch in Bengaluru No.33/1,7th cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003. **Represented by its Branch Manager: Mrs. Archita Sharama** Email; br0279@sib.co.in Mob:7521050821. **...PLAINTIFF**

Versus : **PUNEETH** AND ANOTHER

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.1 AND 2 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

1. MR. PUNEETH.M. V S/o Dr. M.J. Vishwanath, Aged About 41 Years

2. DR.M.J. VISHWANATH S/o Mr. Jayadevappa. M, Aged Major,

Both are Residing at : No. 378/5, West End Apartment, 4th D Main Road, Mahalakshmipura, Bangalore -560086.

Also, at: 1. MR. PUNEETH.M. V, 2. DR.M.J. VISHWANATH, Velli Chukki, Vinobhanagar, Behind Police Quarters, Shimoga, Karnataka-577204 **..DEFENDANTS**

Whereas the above-named plaintiff has filed a civil Suit for Recovery of a Sum of **Rs. 9,24,244.90** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Four and Ninety Paisa Only) Apart from future interest of 9% p.a. along with 2% Penal Interest, in O. S. 25484/2024 and same is pending adjudication in CCH-58, Before 57th Addl., City Civil and Session Judge. Mayo hall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 57TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE COURT, (CCH-58), MAYO HALL, AT BENGALURU** either in person or through counsel on the **05th DAY OF JUNE 2026** at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this **2nd day of May 2026.**

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru-560001.

FX&CO., Advocates,
New No. 99, Old 11/1 Grover Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru 560005.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
NOTIFICATION
Hubballi, the 23rd April, 2026

Notice under Section 20A of the Railways Act-,1989 (Amendment Act, 2008)

S.O. 2120(E) .- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub- Section (1) of Section 20A of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which has been given in the Schedule annexed hereto, is required for the execution of the Special Railway Project, namely. "Construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.112 at Km: 273/100-200 between Kamasamudram and Bisanattam stations (Kamasamdram village, Bangarpet taluk, Kolar district)" in the State of Karnataka, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land:

Any person interested in the said land may, within Thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of Section 20D of the said Act:

Every such objection shall be made to the competent authority, namely, Incharge Land Acquisition Officer ie Assistant Commissioner Kolar and Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru for "Construction of ROB in lieu of LC No.112 at Km: 273/100-200 between Kamasamudram and Bisanattam stations (Kamasamdram village, Bangarpet taluk , Kolar district)" in the State of Karnataka" in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections:

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 20D of the said Act shall be final:

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the competent authority.

Schedule

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1. Mr. Umashankar S/o Sambolinge Gowda, Ward No-18, Basaweshwarnagar, Kanakpura Town, Ramanagar District, Karnataka-562117.

2. Ms. Sunitha S, Ward No-18, Basaweshwarnagar, Kanakpura Town, Ramanagar District, Karnataka-562117

Sub : Notice under Sec. 13 (2) read with Sec. 13 (3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by **Kanakapura - M G Road Branch**

Loan A/c No.	Amount Due. Rs:	Date of NPA	Demand Notice Date	Description of the Mortgaged Property
560631000303594	Rs. 11,65,811-00 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven Only)	04-06-2019	30-04-2026	All The Part And Parcel Of Land And Building In The Name Of **Ms. Sunitha S,** Property Bearing Old No. 4771/4390/13, 5443/4771, 5976/5443, New No. 5976/E/5443/E, Ward No.18, Basaveshwara Nagara, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagara – 562117, **Measuring East-West : 20 Feet, North-South : 50 feet, Total 1000 Square feet, Bounded On The East:** House Of Huliraiah, **West:** House Of Kenchappa, **North:** House Of Gowramma, **South:** Municipal Road

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Place : Mysuru
Date : 09-05-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, my client **Mr.M.Rajendran S/o.Late.V.M. Mahadeva,** has lost Original Sale deed dated 18.01.2008, bearing No.7170/2007-2008, registered at the Office of the Sub-registrar, Dasanapura, Bangalore pertaining to Property bearing Site No.178, 22nd Cross, 1st Stage, 5th Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560043. In this regard a **Lost report No.2183956/2026,** was lodged before the Bangalore City Police on 02.05.2026. If any person/s finds the said documents kindly inform the above stated person or address mentioned below. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.

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NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that our client **C.MOUNACHARI S/o.B Chandrashekarachary,** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule below from **M/s. S. M. Properties.** Any person/s, Financial Institutions, Bank etc claiming any right, title, interest, lien, or objection of any nature over the said property is hereby called upon to file their claims in writing, supported by documentary proof, at the office of the undersigned within **7 days** of this publication. If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that no such claims exist, and our client shall proceed to finalize the sale transaction, treating any subsequent claims as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Residential **Site No.6,** formed out of Converted SY Nos.178/3 Converted vide Official Memorandum dated 09.06.2025, No. 766107, issued by The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District situated at **Adde Vishwanathapura Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** measuring East by 11.82 Meter, West by 10.81 Meter North by 12.19 Meter and South by 12.321 Meter and bounded by:

East by: Road West by: Site No.5 North by: Site No.7, South by: Private Property

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notified that my client **Mrs. Manjula Krishnamurthy** Wife of Mr. Denny Panakal, residing at No. 69/B, 2nd Cross, Peenya 3rd Stage, Laggere Main Road, M.E.I Colony, Bengaluru-560058 is the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Property mentioned below in the Schedule. He has lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 22-04-2000, registered as document No.788/2000-01 of Book I, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore pertaining to the Schedule Property. In this connection, an E-Complaint has also been lodged on 08-05-2026 vide **Lost Report No. 2193314/2026.** I hereby call upon the General public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document, kindly handover to undersigned immediately/within **7 days** and they may be suitably awarded and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document, it shall not be binding on my client and the same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal and Civil Law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.69/B (Sixty Nine Bar B),** (Previously Western Portion of the Property bearing **Site No. 69, (Sixty Nine)** present New **E PID No.3509075869,** Dasarahalli CMC Old Katha **No. 1274,** Present Katha **No. 1081,** in layout formed out of Survey No. 155, layout formed by The Mysore Electrical Employees House Building Cooperative Society Limited, situated at **LAGGERE VILLAGE, (M E. I. Layout), Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** now comes limits of GBA, measuring **East to West Northern Side: 44'6" (Forty Four Feet Six Inches), Southern Side: 19'0" (Nineteen) Feet, North to South Eastern Side: 45'0" (Forty Five) Feet, Western Side: 50'6" (Fifty Feet Six Inches), in all 1516.06 Square Feet or 140.8 square meters,** together **building constructed thereon** and with all civic amenities and bounded on:-

East by : Eastern Portion of Site No. 69, after bifurcation Katha in BDA Present Site No. 69/A, belongs to P. R. Chandrashekaran, West by : Road, North by : Site Nos. 67 & 68, South by : Road,

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2	**Sampige Road - Arsikere Section:** Proposed construction of RUB in lieu of LC No. 72 at km. 122/500-600 between Banasandra - Kardi Stations.	A Hoshalli (Village) Turuvekere (Taluk) Tumkur (District)		

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NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC 669 / 2021 **16-02-2022**

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Peenya Industrial Estate Branch
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... Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s. Vaishnavi Industries

To,
M/s. Vaishnavi Industries
Represented by its Proprietor Sri. Gajendra Rao S/o. Late L. Srinivas Rao,
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Bengaluru - 560 058. **... Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-1) in OA/18/2019** an amount of **Rs. 1,09,10,862.25 (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakh Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two and Paise Twenty Five Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest and till realization

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You. are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **16-03-2022 at 10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum of aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay :

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **16-02-2022.**

(Rajasekharan .R)
Recovery Officer - 1
Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 1)

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below :

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

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Uniforms, ID cards mandatory for Energy Dept. staff

The order applies to employees of all power supply companies covering linemen, bill collectors, meter readers and other field personnel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a move aimed at preventing fraud and improving public trust, the Karnataka government has directed all field staff working under the State's Energy Department to compulsorily wear uniforms and official identity cards while on duty.

The order applies to employees of all power supply companies (Escoms), including Bescom, Hescom, Mescom, Jescom, and CESC, covering linemen, bill collectors, meter readers and other field personnel visiting consumers' premises.

The decision follows a representation submitted to the Energy Minister by State Police Complaints Authority member Mohan Kumar Danappa, highlighting rising incidents of impersonation and public concern over fake electricity department staff.

The decision follows a representation submitted to the Energy Minister, highlighting rising incidents of impersonation and public concern over fake electricity department staff. FILE PHOTO

Hubballi case

The issue gained attention after a recent incident in Hubballi's Anand Nagar area, where a man allegedly posed as an electricity bill collector and collected money from residents in a uniform resembling that of the department staff. Alert residents grew suspicious and handed him over to the police. A case was registered at the Old Hubballi Police Station.

Officials said such incidents had created fear among consumers, with even genuine electricity department employees facing problems of suspicion while visiting homes for meter reading, bill collection and maintenance work.

In response, the Energy Department has issued strict instructions to all Escoms, making it mandatory for staff to wear prescribed uniforms and display government-issued identity cards prominently during duty hours.

The department has also directed employees to maintain a neat and disciplined appearance, including proper grooming of hair and beard, while interacting with consumers. Staff visiting households have been instructed to clearly identify themselves and behave in a manner that inspires confidence among the public.

To curb fraud involving fake bill collectors, meter readers and line staff, the government has also ordered awareness campaigns across Escom jurisdictions. Local offices have been instructed to educate consumers on verifying official identity cards and identifying genuine department personnel.

Awareness initiatives will be carried out through social media platforms, FM radio, local television channels, newspapers and public announcements.

The officials expressed hope that the new measures would reduce public anxiety and help prevent cheating cases.

KSLSA and Dhare Foundation to create 'Green Ring' around Bengaluru by planting 5 cr. saplings

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA), in collaboration with Dhare Foundation, has launched an ambitious environmental mission to plant five crore saplings across Karnataka, combining afforestation with large-scale ecological restoration and lake rejuvenation in the next three to four years.

Of the five crore saplings, two crore saplings would be planted within a 50-km radius of Vidhana Soudha under the flagship "Bengaluru-Green Ring" initiative in three zones, said H. Shashidhara Shetty, KSLSA's member-secretary, here on Friday.

> Of the five crore saplings, two crore saplings will be planted within a 50-km radius of Vidhana Soudha
>
> **H. SHASHIDHARA SHETTY**
> Member-secretary, KSLSA

Urban core zone

Among the three zones, 20 lakh saplings would be planted in the urban core zone situated within 10 km from Vidhana Soudha, 80 lakh in peri-urban belt situated between 10 km and 30 km, and one crore saplings in rural-forest zone, situated between 30 km and 50 areas, with a special focus on restoring biodiversity and combating pollution in and around Bengaluru, he said.

Mr. Shetty said that while KSLSA would act as a facilitator to identify the government lands and to coordinate with the State Forest Department for arranging saplings, the foundation would take care of financing for the project through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds from the corporate companies and to deploy volunteers for plantation, monitoring and preservation of planted saplings.

The KSLSA has signed a memorandum of understanding with the foundation in this regard. The remaining three crore saplings would be planted across other districts on government lands, lake buffer zones, institutional campuses, degraded land, and along road corridors.

Scientific models

The project would adopt scientific plantation models including the Miyawaki method, agro-forestry, and avenue plantations based on geographical suitability and the project is designed not as a routine tree-planting exercise, but as a long-term ecological restoration programme aimed at improving biodiversity, groundwater recharge, climate resilience, and urban cooling, said Mr. Shetty.

Rejuvenation of lakes

In addition, the project includes rejuvenation of Karnataka's 45,000 lakes through desilting, feeder channel restoration, and plantation around water bodies to strengthen groundwater reserves and aquatic ecosystems.

Two traffickers arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Rural police on Thursday intercepted a truck allegedly carrying contraband worth an estimated ₹1.25 crore and arrested two individuals.

The accused have been identified as Ramyan Yadav and Sabir Khan, natives of Chhattisgarh. A probe revealed that Yadav and Khan had been transporting poultry feed from Chhattisgarh to Tamil Nadu, concealing the contraband in the poultry feed, the police said. A check of the poultry feed led to the seizure of 250 kg of ganja. The Jigani police arrested the accused.

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E-TENDER NOTICE CORRIGENDUM-1 Dated:06.05.2026

On behalf of the President of India, online **EPC tenders** are invited through e-Tendering for the following work:

Title of work	**Planning, Design and Construction of Security and Front office at ISRO HQ, Antariksh Bhavan, Bengaluru (Civil, PH, Electrical AC, Video wall and other allied Security systems) through EPC Mode-1**	
e-Tender Notice No.	**CMG/ISRO-HQ/C/C/01/P/AB/2026-27 Dated: 15.04.2026**	
Estimated cost put to tender	**a) Civil & PH works:**	**₹ 267.55 Lakhs**
	b) Electrical works:	
	c) AC works	
	d) Video wall system	**₹ 475.00 Lakhs**
	e) Audio visual system, Security Gadgets, Biometric Access Control system, Networking systems, CCTV system and allied works.	**₹ 209.95 Lakhs**
	Total	**₹ 952.50 Lakhs**
Period of completion in months	**Six (06) Months**	
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	From: 18:10 hrs on 15.04.2026 To: 23:59 hrs on 28.04.2026 **Extended up to 23:59 hrs on 18.05.2026**	
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to: 15:30 hrs on 06.05.2026 **Extended up to 15:30 hrs on 22.05.2026**	
Due date and time of opening of tenders [Techno-Commericial Bid]	16:00 hrs on 06.05.2026 **Extended up to 16:00 hrs on 22.05.2026**	
Earnest Money Deposit [EMD]	**₹19.05 Lakhs** (Vaild for 180 days)	

For eligibility criteria and other details, Interested tenderers may please refer detailed bilingual (Hindi English) Notice inviting Tender (NIT) on the website:**https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and at tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**. Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) and Tender documents may be downloaded from e-tendering website: **https://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Head, CMD, ISRO HQ

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Tel: 080-22341230/35, **E-mail :** bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-01/128/2025-26/221 **Date : 08.05.2026**

PUBLICATION

[UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961]

Sri. G.P. Srinivas S/o Late. G Padmanabha Naidu and G.S Priya W/o Sri. G.P Srinivas has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from"Agriculture" Zone to "Commercial" purpose pertaining to Sy.No: 37/6 extent of 00Acre-22¼ Guntas, of B.M Kaval Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid lands are reserved for Agriculture zone in approved Master plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. By developing the said lands for commercial purpose, the General Public will benefit through increased economic activity and job opportunities.
2. During the development works of the commercial project, there will be opportunity for employment of local labourers and skilled workers.
3. Surrounding areas will be developed due to the proposed commercial development in the above said land.
4. By planned commercial development, the public will be benefited with civic amenities such as good roads, parking facilities, infrastructure improvements, etc. The Government will also get revenue in the form of taxes.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the address of this authority within 15 days from the date of this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

Sd/-
Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore.

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3	White PV Cloth	KSP/2026-27/IND0605	24,618	43,87,912.32
4	Ankle Shoes with PU Rubber Sole (DPO & Other Units)	KSP/2026-27/IND0606	34,832	3,02,46,018.88
5	Ankle Shoes with PU Rubber Sole (COP & Other Units)	KSP/2026-27/IND0607	34,832	3,02,46,018.88
6	Brown Oxford Shoes	KSP/2026-27/IND0608	13,667	1,38,86,492.02
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How climate-resilient homes stay cool without AC

With over 90 of the world's hottest cities in India, heat-responsive architecture will become vital. Architects and home owners weigh in

Sangeetha Devi Dundoo

The sun is out in full force and the journey to Kollur, a suburban locality in the western outskirts of Hyderabad, isn't exactly comfortable. Summers in the city are notoriously bone-dry, with temperatures above 40 degrees Celsius, and heat-wave alerts are a norm.

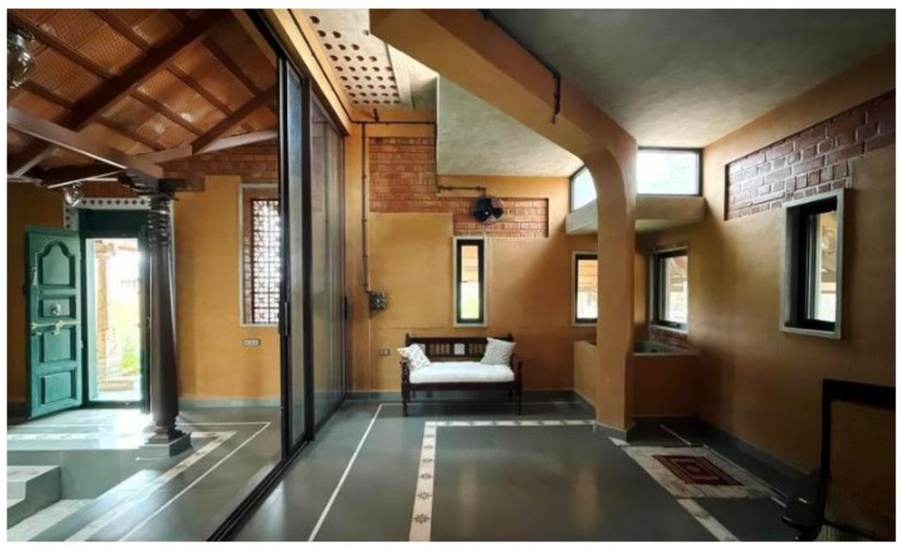
On reaching the location, a residence in an emerging gated community, there's a discernible dip in temperature inside the house. "We have not installed air conditioners. Ceiling fans suffice even in summers," says architect Vamshidhar Reddy of Iki Builds, an architecture firm in Hyderabad.

The home owners – part-time blogger Sarita Chebbai and her husband Rajiv Shivane, who runs a software startup – say that when they began planning the house, they wanted to avoid ACs as much as possible. "Neither of us like it, much to the annoyance of our children. So we wanted a home that stays naturally cool. Hence, you will find windows on every wall in addition to *jaali* ventilators," says Sarita.

Homes like these are part of a growing shift towards climate-resilient constructions. Across cities such as Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR, Chennai and states like Rajasthan and Gujarat that are prone to harsh summers, a niche clientele are seeking climate-friendly homes and architects are catering to this demand.

In these constructions, apart from design that allows ventilation and light, the use of traditional materials for the roof, flooring and walls provide thermal insulation. These include materials such as Madras terrace roof, Athangudi tiles from Chettinad, Kadapa stone, unplastered rammed or poured earth walls. Rainwater harvesting channels are also integrated into the design, along with solar panels wherever feasible.

"We draw from the past to learn about climate-resilient materials and use them in a modern way. A lot of research goes into eco-friendly constructions," says Reddy. For the ground floor, soil excavated from the site has been used for the rammed earth walls. Reddy explains that the walls have been tested for durability and do not require maintenance in the form of repainting every few years.



Inside the house in Kollur, Hyderabad, and a view of various projects.

Driving factors

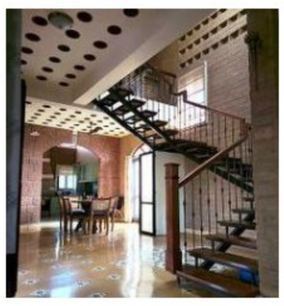
Bengaluru-based architect Sathya Prakash Varanashi, who has been focusing on environment-friendly constructions since 1993, says the difference in approach from a conventional concrete structure begins at the planning stage. "The area is analysed for heat, light, air, rain, glare, humidity, dust and sound to see if an eco-friendly construction is viable."

The use of what he terms as "alternate materials", in place of concrete and tiled structures, plays a crucial role. "The materials used for roofs, floor, walls and arches help make a building as energy efficient as possible."

The supply chains for such materials are efficient in cities such as Bengaluru and Delhi, and are gradually on the rise in cities like Hyderabad where eco-friendly constructions are still an emerging trend, architects point out. Repurposing excavated soil and laterite stone waste, and sourcing materials locally, helps cut down carbon footprint.

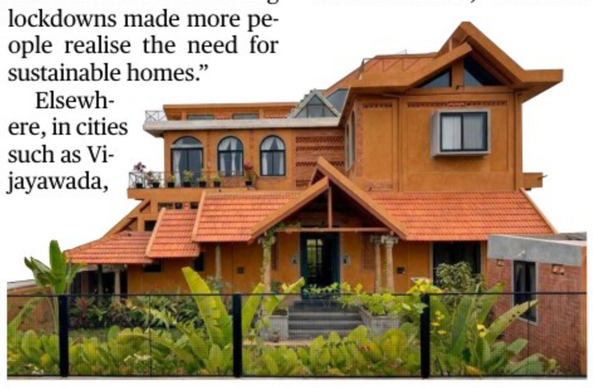
The bigger challenge lies in finding a skilled workforce. Architects rely on skilled masons from Auroville, Tamil Nadu or Karnataka, who stay on site for months in Hyderabad and complete the project. Some local workers also get trained.

Reddy, who honed his skills in sustainable architecture in Bengaluru and Auroville, says the garden city has been ahead of the curve. "In Hyderabad, the trend has been gaining ground in the post-pandemic years. Spending more time at home during lockdowns made more people realise the need for sustainable homes."



Elsewhere, in cities such as Vijayawada, Chennai and Delhi-NCR, such homes are increasingly sought after by those who want to move away from heat-trapped colonies towards less-crowded neighbourhoods, if not farmlands in the outskirts.

At times, the aspiration stems from nostalgia. Architect Monish Siripurapu of Ant Studio, a consulting agency in Delhi, recalls how a couple based in Noida, with roots in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, wanted a house signifying memory and culture. The house, named Thalayalam (Tamil and Malayalam), was conceptualised with traditional materials and layouts reminiscent of homes in th owners' respective states.



"Many of us who migrate to metros for work, carry the memory of our hometowns," says Monish, whose work in sustainable constructions is rooted in memories of summer nights spent stargazing at his grandmother's residence in Vijayawada.

Climate-friendly homes are often synonymous with tall roofs that allow hot air to rise up and flow out through ventilation spaces or *jaalis*. These ventilation units are covered by a mesh to ward off pests and mosquitoes.

Making it tangible

At the residence in Kollur, these principles come together in a tangible way. The walkway along the garden leads into a verandah, with a courtyard as a nodal point. Refurbished stone and wooden pillars add a touch of heritage to these areas. The roofs rise up to 14 feet. "The owners wanted a house with elements of Goan and Konkan architecture," says Reddy. The sloping roofs with terracotta tiles and interlocked *kulhads* (terracotta clay cups used to serve tea) lend a rustic charm. "Mangalore tiles may not be conducive for Hyderabad's dry heat. So we used the Madras roof."

Monish, whose firm has worked on climate-friendly constructions in Delhi, Pune, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Rajasthan, observes that clients initially sceptical about reducing AC use, warm up to the idea when told that the dependency on ACs can be reduced.

Varanashi says the bottom line is simple: the home should feel good to live in. "In some homes, it has been tested and proven that the temperature is 10 to 12 degrees cooler than outside in summer. As a firm that has also focused on rainwater harvesting and solar power since 2002, we have only seen the response grow. We are all following in the footsteps of pioneers like Laurie Baker, who demonstrated cost-effective and energy-efficient architecture. The aim is to build homes that stand for 100 years."

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‘GER in secondary level up by 22.46% in the past decade’

It has exceeded 100% in Chandigarh (110.1%), Goa (107.5%), Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (104.9%), Himachal Pradesh (102.6%), Karnataka (101.3%), and Delhi (101.1%): NITI Aayog report

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Several States and Union Territories have registered notable improvements in the GER for girls at the upper-primary stage. FILE PHOTO

The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in the secondary level enrollment (middle school) in Karnataka has crossed 100% and is currently at 101.3%. The State’s GER has increased by 22.46% in the past decade, according to the NITI Aayog’s new report, ‘School Education System In India: Temporal Analysis and Policy Roadmap for Quality Enhancement.’

The GER exceeded 100% in Chandigarh (110.1%), Goa (107.5%), Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (104.9%), Himachal Pradesh (102.6%), Karnataka (101.3%), and Delhi (101.1%). States nearing universal levels include Telangana at 99.9%, West Bengal 99.4%, and Kerala 98.7%. At the lower end were Bihar 51.1%, Nagaland 61.8%, Uttar Pradesh 64.3%, Jammu & Kashmir 66.1%, Madhya Pradesh 68.2, and Arunachal Pradesh 69.3% in 2024-25, with the GER levels slipping further below the national average. The report highlighted that the past decade witnessed significant relative GER improvements in West Bengal from 75.26% to 99.4%, Telangana 76.7% to 99.9% and Karnataka from 78.84% to 101.3%. “The decadal movement highlights that secondary education remains the most fragile link in the schooling cycle, where economic constraints, social factors, and weak institutional support converge to limit participation,” stated the report.

Higher secondary

The State-level data shows that higher secondary GER is highest in Chandigarh 107.4%, followed by Puducherry 95.5%, Goa 93.8%, Kerala 89.5%, Andaman & Nicobar Islands 85.8%, Himachal Pradesh 84.7%, Tamil Nadu 83.4%, Delhi 82.7%, and Uttarakhand 80.9%.

In contrast, the lowest levels are observed in Bihar 38.1%, Meghalaya 39.7%, Nagaland 39.8%, Assam 43.5%, Arunachal Pradesh 43.7%, Jammu & Kashmir 44.8%, Madhya Pradesh 45.0%, Gujarat 47.3%, Jharkhand 48.6%, and Sikkim 49.6%.

The largest relative improvement in enrollment during the past decade was observed in Karnataka from 29.68% to 61.4%. In Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu 38.21% to 68.4%, Bihar 22.38% to 38.1%, and Assam 28.55% to 43.5%. The steepest relative declines were in Lakshadweep from 75.75% to 51.1%, Arunachal Pradesh 54.67% to 43.7%.

GER for girls

Several States and Union Territories have registered notable improvements in the GER for girls at the upper-primary stage. Gains are most visible in Chandigarh from 111.65% to 131.2% and Meghalaya 105.13% to 126.8%.

In southern States, Karnataka’s improvements in the GER for girls is 90.58% to 103.9% and in Andhra Pradesh 81.47% to 102%.

Decline

The report also points out to the broad decline in learning outcomes across the country. A cluster of States/UTs, including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Delhi, Rajasthan, Haryana, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Daman & Diu, experienced particularly sharp reductions across subjects.

In contrast, a larger group of States such as Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal recorded moderate decline.

Dropouts

The dropout rates in secondary level is highest in West Bengal (20.0%), followed by Arunachal Pradesh (18.3%), Karnataka (18.3%), and Assam (17.5%).

The transition from secondary to higher secondary has reached 100% in Delhi and Chandigarh. High transition levels are also observed in Andaman & Nicobar Islands (92.5%), Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (91.4%), and Lakshadweep (91.3%). However, transition rates remain lowest in Meghalaya (47.8%), followed by West Bengal (57.4%), Mizoram (58.5%), and Karnataka (62.5%).

Computer facility

Despite being a capital of Information Technology (IT), the NITI Aayog report revealed that only 55% of schools have computer facility in Karnataka.

However, the availability of computers in schools has reached full coverage in Lakshadweep (100%), and is virtually universal in Delhi (99.9%), Puducherry (99.5%), Chandigarh (99.5%), Kerala (99.5%), and Punjab (99%).

Over the past decade, the sharpest gains were recorded in Assam from 9.8% to 78.7%, Jharkhand 9.7% to 76%, Odisha 13.7% to 76.7%.

In contrast, the smallest improvements were observed in Karnataka from 38.7% to 55.7% and in Goa from 43.5% to 57.1%.

Highlights of NITI Aayog report 2026

- GER in secondary level in Karnataka is 101.3%
- State’s GER has increased by 22.46% in secondary level in the past decade
- GER of higher secondary level in Karnataka is 61.4%
- Karnataka’s GER for girls has increased from 90.58% to 103.9% in the past decade
- School dropout rates in secondary level in Karnataka is 18.3%
- Only 55% of schools have computer facility in the State

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24th edition of *The Hindu* EducationPlus Career Counselling to be held in Bengaluru today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 24th edition of *The Hindu* EducationPlus Career Counselling is under way in the State. Organised by *The Hindu*, this landmark event continues its legacy of guiding students and parents in making well-informed academic and career decisions.

Designed as a one-stop platform for academic and career counselling, the event brings together renowned educationists, career experts, and top institutions to provide personalised guidance on UPSC exam preparation and CET and NEET counselling, conducted by officials from the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA). There is guidance provided on career opportunities in diverse fields including Arts, Science, Commerce, Law, Management, Engineering, Medicine, CA and Cost Management, Fashion Designing, Animation, Performing Arts, Journalism, Architecture, and more. Whether students are exploring conventional paths or emerging career trends, this forum will offer the clarity, direction, and expert advice they need.

When and where

The event is at SJRC Auditorium, Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College of Science Art & Commerce, No. 9, Race Cource Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.

Registration starts from 9 a.m. The programme is from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entry is free and open to all students and parents. Contact Ph: 9448160126 / 944887181/ 9731400992 for more information or check link: https://newsth.live/CET2026ED

Chief Guest at the event is M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education. The expert speakers include Venugopal, former Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University; Balakrishna Shetty, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth, Puducherry; Islauddin Gadyal, Administrative Officer, Karnataka Examinations Authority; Ameen E. Mudassar, founder & CEO, CIGMA International Career Counsellor; Kavitha Paramesh, Chairperson, ICAI, Bengaluru Branch, SIRC Management Studies, and Nitu Ghosh, professor and director in the School of Management Studies, REVA University.

The Hindu EducationPlus - 24th Year Career Counselling 2026

Region	Date	Venue	Address
Bidar	May 9, 2026 Saturday	Shaheen Parvaaz Hall	Shaheen Parvaaz Hall, Sapna Landmark, Opposite Vishal Functional Hall, Airport Road, Bidar
Mangaluru	May 9, 2026 Saturday	Sri Sudeendra Auditorium	Canara High School Main Campus, Kodiabail, Mangalore - 575003
Bengaluru	May 9, 2026 Saturday	SJRC Auditorium	Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College of Science, Arts and Commerce, # 9, Race Course Road, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560009
Kalaburagi	May 16, 2026 Saturday	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Mantapa	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Mantapa, Sharnbasva University, Vidya Nagar, Kalaburagi - 585103
Hubballi	May 16, 2026 Saturday	KLE Society’s Bio Technology Auditorium	KLE Society’s Bio Technology Auditorium, BVB College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar, Hubballi - 580031
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The Hindu NiE schools excel in ICSE, ISC exams

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Schools that are part of *The Hindu’s* Newspaper in Education (NiE) programme have posted strong results in the ICSE and ISC examinations announced recently.

BNM Public School, Banashankari 2nd Stage: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 51 students appeared, of whom 28 secured distinction.

Poorvi Madhusudhan emerged as the topper with 96.4%, followed by Shreesha Bhat A.S. with 94.5%, Varshitha R. with 94.2%, and Abhishek Agarwal with 94%.

Mitra Academy, Arekere: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 143 students appeared, of whom 117 secured distinction. Skylie Rooren emerged as the topper with 98.8%, followed by Abhinav Dheeraj Bilgikar and Rajveer Singh with 98.2% each, and K.H. Subramanyam with 98%.

Pratham International School, Valepura, Varthur: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 38 students appeared, of whom eight secured distinction. Nakul V.M. emerged as the topper with 99%.

Apollo National Public School, Banashankari: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 90 students appeared. As many as 70 students secured distinction, scoring 75% and above. N.M. Hansika and Revanth Naidu emerged as the joint toppers with 97.4% each.

The Oxford English School, J.P. Nagar: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 61 students appeared, of whom 31 secured distinction.

Khushi Garodia emerged as the topper with 98.4%.

In the ISC examination, Jyothi Prakash M. emerged as the topper in the Science stream with 71.75%, while Nilkanth Kalpesh Soni topped the Commerce stream with 71%.

Ryan International School, Yelahanka: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 99 students appeared, of whom 68 secured distinction and 28 passed with first class.

Ritesh S. emerged as the topper with 97.60%, followed by Shri Sharan A.B. with 95.40%.

The New Cambridge High School, Vijayanagar: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 289 students appeared, of whom 139 secured distinction and 197 passed with first class. Lakshya Jhajharia emerged as the topper with 98.33%.

S.E.A International School, K.R. Puram: In the ICSE class 10 examination, a total of 41 students appeared, of whom 24 secured distinction.

Pooja S. emerged as the topper with 98.4%.

Retired HC judge appointed chairperson of AOC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has finally appointed retired Karnataka High Court judge Ramachandra D. Huddar as Chairperson for the Admission Overseeing Committee (AOC) for professional courses.

Judge B. Manohar’s term as AOC chairperson had ended in October 2024.

Two committees

According to the Karnataka Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Determination of Fee) Act, 2006, two committees oversee regulation of admission and determination of fees in professional educational institutions in the State.

One is the AOC that monitors admissions to professional courses, and the other is the Fee Regulatory Committee. Both committees are single-member entities comprising retired High Court judges.

Fee regulatory panel

For the past two years, due to the absence of a chairperson for the AOC, the Fee Regulatory Committee has been resolving other issues of students, including fees.

Governor’s office writes to govt. again to lift freeze on KSOU bank accounts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lok Bhavan Karnataka, the Governor’s office, has written to the State government for the second time requesting it to lift the freeze on the bank accounts of the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru.

In the wake of an event

The accounts were frozen after the varsity hosted an event ‘Ekatma Manava Darshan-Bharat’s World View” in March marking 60 years of Hindutva ideologue Deendayal Upadhyaya’s lectures for three days on the KSOU campus and the Vice-Chancellor was in the hosting committee.

In his letter, R. Prabhu Shankar, Special Secretary to Governor, said that the Governor and Chancellor of the university has been made aware that the Branch Manager, State Bank of India (SBI) has informed the university that all the bank accounts of the university have been debit freezed in compliance with the directions issued by the government.

“As observed earlier, the direction assumes the character of a premature, punitive, and disproportionate measure, which has the effect of paralysing the functioning of the university. Freezing of bank accounts directly impacts academic activities, payment of salaries, disbursement of scholarships, and discharge of statutory obligations, thereby seriously prejudicing the interests of students, faculty, and the public at large,” he said.

Report

He asked the government to withdraw the communication issued to the bank and send an action taken report in compliance with the direction of the Governor at the earliest.

‘Think before you throw’: This event will teach you how to use scraps in your kitchen for zero-waste cooking

Anagha Maareesha
BENGALURU

Anand Raja, the man behind the famous zero-waste juice shop in Malleswaram, Eat Raja, is a man with a mission. In his juice shop you are served juice in the shells and rinds of the fruits, instead of plastic cups.

Zero waste and sustainability is his mantra. On May 9, he will team up with volunteer group Beautiful Bharat, for an event called Kitchen Secrets where participants can learn how to use kitchen scraps and leftovers, and also sample the dishes. The event will happen in Panchavati in Malleswaram, a bungalow and grounds that were once the home of Nobel Prize winning physicist C.V. Raman.

Zero waste and sustainability is the mantra of Anand Raja, the man behind the famous zero-waste juice shop in Malleswaram. FILE PHOTO

“We all keep talking about not wasting food. Here we are making the waste into food. There are so many things that are commonly discarded, such as when we use the coriander leaves, we throw away the stalks. What we are telling people at Kitchen Secrets is, ‘think before you throw’. What we throw away is probably more nutritious than what we use,” Mr. Raja said.

He gives the example of watermelon rinds, which usually get thrown away. At the event they will make chutneys and dosas with it. Musk melon seeds will be used to make milkshakes. “We will also demonstrate how to make protein laddus with the discard from ragi milk.” Odette Katrak, from the Beautiful Bharat volunteer group, explains how if we all reduce our wet waste by using these techniques, it will have a net positive impact on the environment. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own zero recipe dishes, and a winner will be chosen who will be awarded a home composter.

They are hosting the event on Mother’s Day, as it is an ode to Indian mothers who run their kitchen with principles of zero waste and sustainability naturally.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Society (APFPS)

TENDER NOTICE (3rd Call)
Short Tender Notification

RFP No.: APFPS-ITPU/KNL/003 **Date: 08.05.2026**

APFPS invites proposals (3rd Call) for Procurement of Plant, Design, Supply & Installation of Tomato and Multi Fruit Pulp Processing Unit at Sy.No.63/3 of Dudekonda Village, Pattikonda Mandal, Kurnool District, through e-Procurement portal **https://apeprocurement.gov.in**. Last date for submission of bids is **15.05.2026**. For more details visit **https://apfps.ap.gov.in** Ph. **9100039591**.

Chief Executive Officer
AP Food Processing Society

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Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website. **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from **07.05.2026**.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

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REFERENCE No. 428/U-PREPARE/2026 Date 08/5/2026

NOTICE FOR INVITING BIDS

The Government of Uttarakhand with assistance from Govt. of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the U-PREPARE Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for following packages of work. Hence bids are invited for the following packages. The complete set of bid documents with BOQ in English and all information's regarding bid will be available on the website https://uktenders.gov.in from 12/05/2026 and the last date of bid submission is 15/06/2026 upto 03:00PM.
The bid will be open online on 15/06/2026 at 05:00 PM.

S. NO.	Package No.	District	Name of Package	Method of Procurement for Bid
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2	29/BR/RFB-EPC/U-PREPARE/2025	Uttarkashi	Construction of 120M length pedestrian bridge to connect Malana village with KM 06 of Arakot Chinwa Balcha motor road under Vikaskhand Mori in District Uttarkashi.	RFB-EPC Single stage Two bid system

Notes:-
1. The corrigendum/addendum for the above package will be uploaded on website https://uktenders.gov.in
2. Email.id piupwd@ukdisasterrecovery.in may be contacted for any information related to the bids or bidders may visit office during working hours for any clarification.
3. The tenders may be found under the organization name:- PM (Project Implementation Unit-PWD) U-PREPARE-World Bank on the website www.uktenders.gov.in

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Notification

The Commissioner, Tumakuru City Corporation, has invited quotations to obtain market specifications & rates for the works related to Digital Twin and AI Based Smart Civic Monitoring System (Nagar Nethra) to be undertaken under the Municipal Corporation Fund for the year 2026-27 as per the KTPP act 1999-2000 through KPPP portal for Tumakuru City Corporation, For more information go to website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ and contact technical section in the office hours.

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Scheduled calendar of events and other information are as follows:

1. Quotation Effective Date : From 05-05-2026. 2. Last Date for Submission of Quotation : 13-05-2026 at 5.00 pm. 3. Date of Opening of Quotation : 15-05-2026 at 11.00 am.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakur City Corporation Tumakuru

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KPPP Portal Item rate Tender Notification No: 02/2026-27 Dated: 05-05-2026

"Two Tender Document System"

On behalf of the Managing Director CNNL, Banglore, Executive Engineer No.4, HLBC Division Turuvekere has invited Two cover ITEM RATE (KW -4) tender through KPPP portal from Contractors. Karnataka transparency act GO no FD9PCL2004 Dated 06-08-2005 and as per latest amendements, Registered in procurement cell Centre for e-governance Room no 141, 2nd gate M.S. Building, Bangalore- 560001 KPWD any other Govt. organization and enrolled their name in CNNL.

Name of Work;-

1. **Infrastructure development works in Suttarakatte in Burudeghatta village of Nonavinakere Hobli, in Tiptur Taluk CNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT4139/CALL-2 Amount put to tender : 198.80 lakhs, EMD Amount: Rs. 2,98,500/-**
2. **Reconstruction of Aqueducts in LBC and providing cement Concrete Box drain in LBC and Protective works to Sluices in LBC Nonavinakere Tank, Tiptur taluk CNNL/2026-27/CN/ WORK_INDENT4670 Amount put to tender: 710.39 lakhs, EMD Amount: Rs. 10,66,000/-**

- Last date to submit tender online **Dated: 06-05-2026 to 15-05-2026 (upto 5.00 PM)**
- Last date for any **queries** relating to process of bid clarification **Dated: 11-05-2026 (upto 5.00 PM)**
- Pre Bid Meeting **Date: 12-05-2026,,** Place: Chief Engineer Office, Hemavathy Canal zone, CNNI, Tumkur
- Opening of **Technical bid** in E-Procurement on **Dated: 16-05-2026 (after 5.30 PM),**
- Opening of **Financial bid** in E-Procurement on **Dated: 17-05-2026** (after approval of technical bid)

For any further details please contact **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** and in office during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
No.4, HLBC Division,
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No:-597 Date:- 04.05.26

Short Term E-NIT No-09/2026-27 on EPC MODE

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से भवन निर्माण कार्य हेतु उपर्युक्त श्रेणी में राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत सगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के ए, एए श्रेणी के सवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में भवन निर्माण कार्य के लिए EPC Mode पर ई-प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रकिया से ऑन लाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कुल कार्यों की संख्या	02
निविदा की कुल लागत (राशि रु. लाख में)	6720.00
ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि	05 मई 2026 से 14 मई 2026 सांय 6:00 बजे तक
ऑनलाईन निविदा खोलने की तिथि	15 मई 2026 पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट **http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** व **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर ऑनलाइन सम्पादित की जावेगी।

UBN:-

S. No.	UBN Number
1	NRH2627WLOB00166
2	NRH2627WLOB00164

मुख्य अभियंता
चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य
राजस्थान, जयपुर

DIPR/C/7979/2026

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning,
4th Floor, Jayanagara Old Shopping Complex,
Jayanagara 4th block, Bengaluru - 560011

No. EE(COP)//BSCC/Kppp/TN-01/2026-27 Date: 08.05.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
Two Cover System, Short Term Tender

(Through GOK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning, Zone-1, BSCC, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the services detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Providing Control Room Zone-1 in Bangalore South City Corporation under disaster management for the year 2026-27. **Amount put to tender (In Rupees & Including GST): Rs. 1,00,00,000/-, EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/-.**

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre bid meeting will be held on **13.05.2026, 11.30 AM** at the Engineer Co-ordination & Planning, 4th Floor, Jayanagara Old Shopping Complex, Jayanagara 4th block, Bengaluru -560011. **(2)** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is: **21.05.2026 up to 4.00 P.M. (3)** Technical Bid opening date: **22.05.2026 at 5.00 PM. (4)** Financial Bid will be intimated to the bidders.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning BSCC

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,
No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

No:EE:KNNL/No.4/BDVT/TA/PB-1/Man power supply/ Tender Notification No. 02/2026-27 Dated: 30.04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal only)

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors. Tender for the works of Head of Account 2701 Bhadra, Gondi & Jambadahalla works. The No. of works is 08. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is **Rs.17.04 lakhs to Rs.141.02 Lakhs.** The amount of EMD is **Rs.42,600/- to Rs.2,12,000/-** (by kpp-portal) contractors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from **06.05.2026 to 15.05.2026 upto 17.30 hours** in the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Pre Bid meeting will be held on **11.05.2026 @ 11.00 Hrs** at O/o Executive Engineer, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi (For Sl No.07 & 08). Financial Bid will be opened on **16.05.2026 at 17.31 hours** (For 01 to 06) Technical Bid will be opened on **16.05.2026 at 17.31 hours** (For Sl No.07 & 08). After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority, the financial bid will be opened. Stipulated period for the completion of work is 12 Months.For more conditions and details visit website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No. 8660573513.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer. KNNL,
No.4, BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

DIPR/SMG/No-14-05/zenkar/2026-27

YOGI VEMANA UNIVERSITY
VEMANAPURAM, KADAPA – 516 005, A.P., INDIA

PUBLIC NOTICE
WITHDRAWAL OF 2023 FACULTY RECUITMENT NOTIFICATIONS

Pursuant to the resolution of the Executive Council of Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa and the orders issued by the Government vide G.O.Rt.No.149, HE (UE) Department, dated 11.10.2023, the permission accorded earlier for the filling up of 118 vacant faculty positions in the University is hereby withdrawn as per G.O.Rt.No.59, HE (UE) Department, dated 06.05.2026. Consequently, the faculty recruitment notifications issued in the year 2023 (No.1/YVU/Backlog-SC&ST/2023, dated 30.10.2023; No.2/YVU/Assistant Professor Positions/BC Backlog & Regular/2023, dated 30.10.2023; No.3/YVU/Associate Professor & Academic Non-Vacation Positions/BC Backlog & Regular/2023, dated 30.10.2023; No.4/YVU/Professor & Academic Non-Vacation Positions/2023, dated 30.10.2023) for filling up the said posts stand withdrawn.

Candidates who had applied to the 2023 notifications may visit the University website at **www.yvu.edu.in** for information regarding the refund of the Application fee.

The dates of fresh notifications, and other particulars, will be announced separately.

Sd/- REGISTRAR

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)
(LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2627/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001498)

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Construction of LILO on 100kV Century Rayon - Ambernath line at 220/100kV Jambhul Substation using HPC conductor (Route Length - 4.12 km) under Vashi Zone, MSETCL Maharashtra."

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 08.05.2026.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga – 577 204
Ph: 08182–250785 Email: cfworkingplansmg@gmail.com
No.:WPSS/A2/Outsource-Tender/CR-01/26-27 D: 06.05.2026

e-Tender Notice

It is proposed to avail Human Resource Services of various cadres required at the Office of The Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga for the financial year 2026-27 through Outsorce from Registered Outsourcing Firm. Approx. amount of Tender is Rs. 51.56 lakhs and those who are eligible and interested can participate in the tender by confirming the details as published in the e-Administrative Center or website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in up to 4.30 PM on 22.05.2026. For more information Phone No.: 08182-250785 of this office can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/-(Veereshagowda Police Patil) Deputy Conservator of Forests, and Technical Assistant of Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga.

DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/33/05/203

Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Ltd.,
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
KNNL. M.L.B.C.C.Division No.2.
Naviluteertha-591116 TQ. Saundatti.Dist Belagavi.
Dn. e-mail: eemlbcnth@gmail.com Ph: - 08330-224500

No.MLBCC-2/DB/4701 DWR-2,SDT-2 Road /E-tender/2026-27/191 to 194, dated : 08-05-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through K.P.P. Portal system only) (Two cover system)

Electronic percentage tender through e-procurement platform is invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, MLBCC Division No.2, Naviluteertha, on behalf of M.D., KNNL Bangalore for taking up the following works from the Eligible contractors registered under KPWD The tenderers are required to apply in two cover system (as per KTTP act 2000)

Estimated amount Rs.475.00 to 490.00 Lakhs.

For Work Indent Numbers. 4397, 4398, 4399 & 4400

1. Pre Bid Meeting on 12-05-2026 at 11.00 AM, 2. Last date of tender receipt : 19-05-2026 up to 4.00 PM. 3. Cover –I ,Technical, Bid will be opened on 20-05-2026 after 4.30 PM 4. Cover – II, Financial Bid will be opened on 21-05-2026 after 11.00 AM.

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-(V.K. Mudigoudar)
Executive Engineer
KNNL, MLBCC.Dn. no.2 Naviluteertha.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-218/KSMCA/2026-27

Rajasthan State Beverages Corporation Limited
(A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Plot No. 2, CoERRA Bhawan, (Fourth & Fifth Floor), Opp. Aranya Bhawan, Jhalana Sansthanik Area, JAIPUR-302004, Tel. : 0141-2744239, email- ed.rsbcl@rajasthan.gov.in

No. :- 756 Dated :- 08/05/2026

Short-Term Notice Inviting e-Bid

e-Bids for Loading and Unloading work of IMFL/FMFL/BEER cases at 13 Depots of 10 District for the year 2026-27 to 2028-29 (Two Year) are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM on 19.05.2026 The bid documents may be downloaded from **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, https://iems.rajasthan.gov.in.**

UBN No.- BCL2627SL0B00007 to BCL2627SL0B00016

Raj.Samwad/C/26/2412 **Executive Director**

BENGALURU-MYSURU INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-01/01/2026-27/222 Date: 08-05-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

M/s LTG Infrastructure Limited Represented by its Managing Director Sri Lakshmana. H.P has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Residential"** Zone to **"Commercial"** purpose pertaining to Sy.No: **63/2 (Old Sy.No: 63)** extent of 01 Acre - 31 Guntas of **Hampapura Village,** Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid land is reserved for **Residential Zone** in Approved Master Plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1) By developing the said lands for commercial purposes, the General Public will benefit through increased economic activity and job opportunities.
2) During the development works of the commercial project, there will be opportunity for employment of local labourers and skilled workers.
3) Surrounding areas will be developed due to the proposed commercial development in the above said lands.
4) By planned commercial development, the public will be benefited with civic amenities such as good roads, parking facilities, infrastructure improvements etc. The Government will also get revenue in the form of taxes.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his / her objection to **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru** in writing to the address of this Authority within 15 days from the date of this notice. Any objections received after the stipulated time will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary,
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/581/Adverto/2026-27

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the
Executive Engineer,
KNNL, Shiggaon Lift Irrigation Division,
K.C.D.Circle , Behind Ganapati Temple,
Dasanakoppa Main Road, Dharwad-580 001.
E-mail id: eesliddwd@gmail.com Ph No. 0836-2461218

No.KNN/SLID/DWD/PB-2/Mouneshwar & Belavalkoppa/Tender/2026-27/97 Dt:08-05-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(SECOND CALL)

THROUGH "*KPP-Portal*" ONLY
Ref: This office Tender Notification no:900
Dated: 28.01.2026 (First call)

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, SLI Division. Dharwad , Karnataka invites tenders on percentage basis in **Two Cover System** from the **eligible registered Civil Contractor**. The intending bidders can submit their bids as an individual /firm/company for the work of **1)*"Improvement and Development of Belavalkoppa Tank in Belavalkoppa village of Shiggaon Taluk of Haveri district".* (Amount put to tender Rs.252.00 Lakhs**) and **2)*"Improvement and Development of Nala from Mouneshwara Temple in Hulagur village to Madapura Tank in Shiggaon Taluk Haveri District.".* (Amount put to tender Rs.417.68 Lakhs**) through KPP-portal of Government of Karnataka. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **13.05.2026 11.00 a.m.** onwards and completed e-tendering documents can be submitted up to **22.05.2026 4.00 p.m**. The Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled on **18.05.2026** at **11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m**. in the office of **Executive Engineer, KNNL, Shiggaon LI Division, Dharwad**. The technical bid will be opened on **25.05.2026 at 11.00 a.m**. and financial bids of successful tenders will be opened on **27.05.2026** at **11.00 a.m**. or after obtaining approval to the Technical Bid.

Any Addendum/Corrigendum shall be published in the KPP portal only. The undersigned reserves the right to postpone, accept, reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Sd/- (Manjunath.B.)
Executive Engineer,
KNNL, SLI DIVISION
DHARWAD

DIPR/DWD/148/Deshpandepublicity/2026-27

Government of Karnataka
(Forest Department)
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CHILDREN PARK CUM MINI ZOO, KALABURGI.
Office Phone No.: 08472:256601 E-mail: dcf_tgulbarga@yahoo.co.in

No. DD/ZOO/OUTSOURCE/E-Tender/ /2026-27 Date : 07-05-2026

:: SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Detail of work: **Supply of Employees through Out Source,** 2) Budget Head : **ZAK,** 3) Amount of Estimate: **Minimum (In Lakhs) : 57.00, Maximum (In Lakhs) : 57.00,** 4) Eligibility of Contractor/firm : As per tender documents, 5) Details of Tender application Amount and EMD Amount : Tender Fee & EMD As per Tender Document, 6) last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications : **13-05-2026 up to 4.00 PM,** 7) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tender : **14-05-2026 up to 4.30 PM,** 8) Date and time for opening of Technical Bid : **15-05-2026 after 5.30 pm,** 9) Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **17-05-2026 after 5.00 PM,** 10) Add. Information : Assistant Conservator of Forests & Deputy Director Children Park Cum Mini Zoo, Kalaburagi, 11) Address of E-Portal : **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests &
Deputy Director of Children Park Cum Mini Zoo, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/102/KSMC&A/2026-27

Government of Karnataka.
(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
Office of the Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division Bidar.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-2/2026-27/159 Date: 07.05.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 27 works approved under various schemes as per KW-01, 02, 03 & 04 in One & Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum **Rs. 4,15,820.42** (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty and paise forty two only) & Maximum **Rs. 167,84,805.38** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Five and paise thirty eight only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on 08.05.2026 to or before 16.00 hours up to 18.05.2026 Technical Bid will be opened on 19.03.2026 & Financial Bid will be opened on 22.05.2026 respectively. Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned. (Work Indent No:-26578, 26406, 26564, 26561, 26547, 26013, 26247, 25188, 25189, 25190, 26293, 26291, 26289, 21574/CALL-2, 26405, 26546, 26545, 26442, 26441, 26440, 26439, 25393/CALL-2, 25447, 26548, 26580, 24965/CALL-2, 24968/CALL-2).

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.R.E.Division Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/30/KSMC&A/2026-27

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division Koppal.
Ph. : 08539 - 222318, E-mail : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. : P.W.D./D.K./TR/KW- 4/2026-27/430 **Date : 07-05-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible Tenderers as per Standard Bid Documents KW-4 on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal. **Head of Account : KKRDB Micro Infrastructure - TSP & General / 2025-26.** Two Cover Tender Procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.

For more Information the Contractor can Contact the under signed During Office hours on Phone No. : 08539 – 222318 and all Informations regarding Tenders can be had from Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 02 Works (Work Indent No. : 34265 & 34049) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders : 22-05-2026 Time 12.00, Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid : 25-05-2026 Time 12.00, Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 26-05-2026 Time 12.30. Minimum & Estimate Maximum Amount Rs. 300.00 Lakhs & Rs. 363.80 Lakhs respectively.

The Tender Documents can be Downloaded from the above Website Address, EMD, Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting, Tender Queries / Clarification & Other Information as mentioned in KPPP Portal. Any changes either in tender date or any other condition tenderers can view in KPPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D., Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/75/Manipal/2026-27

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Karnataka State. Ph: (08537)276339/275463
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com website: www.huttigold.karnataka.gov.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO.03/26-27 Dt: 09.05.2026
(Through KPP Portal only)

Tender is invited by "The I/c. Dy. General Manager (Materials)" for the following Tenders as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	EMD in Rs.
1	Supply of 75mm Hi Chrome Grinding Media Balls. **HGML/2026-27/IND0480**	6,12,000/-
2	Supply, Laying, Testing and Installation of Impervious Layer. **HGML/2026-27/SE0091**	6,70,000/-
3	Supply of Steel Radial Tyres of Size 18 R25, 315/70 R15, 17.5 R25, 16 R25, 12 R20 for Underground. **HGML/2026-27/IND0491**	5,79,000/-
4	Supply of double armoured copper cables. **HGML/2026-27/IND0489**	2,54,000/-

Calendar of events: (1) Pre-Bid Meetings (Zoom): **16.05.2026 for Sl.No.1 at 10.30 A.M., for Sl.No.2 at 11.00 A.M., for Sl.No.3 at 11.30 A.M. and for Sl.No.4 at 12.00 P.M.**
(2) Last date for receipt of tender: **09.06.2026 at 4.00 P.M. (3)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **11.06.2026 at 10.00 A.M.**
For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP portal.

Sd/- The I/c Deputy General Manager (Materials)

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Karnataka among top three States in corruption: NCRB

The State has the most number of Disproportionate Assets cases at 75, followed by Odisha with 62 and Assam with 44 cases

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka had the third-largest number of registered corruption cases at 334 for the year 2024, according to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data released on Thursday. Maharashtra topped at 721 cases, followed by Tamil Nadu, which recorded 374 cases, and Karnataka stood third.

However, Karnataka stands out when it comes to Disproportionate Assets (DA) cases, topping the list at 75. It is followed by Odisha with 62 cases, and Assam with 44 cases.

Marginal dip

When the numbers of Karnataka are considered over the years, however, there is a marginal drop, as the State recorded 362 cases in 2023 and 389 cases in 2022.

A senior Lokayukta official explained that since the restoration of the Lokayukta, the ombudsman had been gathering local and grassroots-level intelligence, supplementing it with ground-level research, and consistently launching raids on suspected corrupt officials. These regular raids have led to the increase in numbers.

Among the 334 cases of corruption in Karnataka, 237 cases (60.9%) are trap incidents, revealing the willingness of people to approach the ombudsman in cases of bribery demands. GETTY IMAGES

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Lokayukta sources, however, say that these numbers are but a tip of the iceberg across States.

"The cases will always be multifold than what we see on paper because citizens are still unwilling to report bribery demands. It's a slow process, but strengthening the Lokayukta's grassroots reach will increase people's confidence, which requires more awareness," the official said.

Corruption cauldron

State	2022	2023	2024
Maharashtra	749	812	721
Tamil Nadu	261	302	364
Karnataka	389	362	334

Source: National Crime Records Bureau

Hike since 2025

The source said that 2025 is the year that has actually seen the registration of a substantial number of cases, with consistent raids and follow-ups, which will be reflected in the 2025 NCRB data. He added that even *suo motu* cases are being taken up regularly.

"For the first two years after the restoration of the Lokayukta in 2022, the problem was staff shortage, but now that has been addressed. The increase in staff has also led to a more focused approach towards DA cases, allowing in-depth investigations," the officer explained.

Lokayukta sources say that the numbers are but a tip of the iceberg across States

Srinath K., secretary to B.S. Patil, Karnataka Lokayukta, told *The Hindu* that setting up police stations in every district has led to the registration of more cases.

"Now, people are slowly coming forward to file complaints because our staff have reached the grassroots. We also have targets for staff to ensure the time-bound handling and disposal of cases," he said.

However, he acknowledged that there is a need for more awareness and a more proactive approach, which the Lokayukta is now focusing on.

HC permits two transgender persons to continue hormone replacement therapy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has permitted two transgender petitioners to continue their ongoing hormone replacement therapy (HRT) without interruption, pending the final adjudication of their petitions challenging the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026, which restricts self-identification and mandates medical board certification.

A Vacation Bench of Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the interim order as the petitioners, who assert that they are transgender persons identifying themselves as women, have complained that the doctors at a reputed private hospital, where they have been undergoing HRT since November 2023, have declined to continue the treatment due to a recent amendment made to the Act.

The petitioners' advocate placed strong reliance on an analogous interim order passed by the Kerala High Court, where similarly situated individuals were permitted to continue hormone therapy with appropriate directions to the medical authorities. The petitioners have contended that the amendments would impact their rights.

However, the Additional Solicitor-General of India told the court that the petitioners have not placed any material on record to demonstrate that the authorities have initiated or proposed coercive action restraining such treatment. The High Court was also informed that the issue relating to the validity of the amendment is presently sub-judice before the Supreme Court, and the Union government is contemplating filing an application seeking transfer of all similar petitions pending before various High Courts to the apex court.

After perusing the medical records, Justice Magadum observed that "it cannot be disputed that abrupt discontinuation of such ongoing medical treatment may have adverse and detrimental consequences on their physical and mental well-being".

While permitting the petitioners to continue their HRT as per the existing medical protocol, the court said that the doctors and medical authorities concerned should facilitate continuation of such treatment without interruption. However, it added that continuation of treatment is subject to the final outcome of petitions an orders to be passed by the Supreme Court.

Fruity finds

Visitors taking a look at the varieties of mangoes and jackfruits during the Mango and Jackfruit Mela 2026, held at Cubbon Park in Bengaluru on Friday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

CM holds discussions on SIR with citizens' groups

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a meeting with leaders and representatives of prominent citizens' groups on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, in Bengaluru on Friday.

More than a dozen leaders attended the meeting and discussed the implications of the SIR exercise in the State.

Congress leaders have linked the All India Trinamool Congress's (TMC) defeat in West Bengal to alleged large-scale voter deletions during the SIR of electoral rolls. However, the government has not formally announced any decision to oppose the SIR process, sources said.

Ministers are believed to have discussed the SIR process during the Cabinet meeting held on Thursday. However, no decision was taken either to oppose the proposed revision or to seek a complete overhaul of the process, as demanded by some citizens' groups.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah holding a meeting with leaders and representatives of prominent citizens' groups on the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, in Bengaluru on Friday.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the defeat of the TMC could have been caused either by anti-incumbency or by the deletion of voters' names during the SIR exercise. The State will go to Legislative Assembly polls in 2028.

The representatives later met Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and other Ministers with the same demand.

The Ministers, however, remained non-committal, said the delegation members who were informed that decisions would be taken after further discussions.

Vinay Sreenivasa, lawyer and campaign member, expressed concerns in the meetings that SIR could lead to exclusion of people in the State in large numbers from the voting rolls, similar to that in West Bengal.

"Unfortunately, the discussion that followed only led to the foregrounding of some steps that the State government may take to minimise deletions. Neither the Chief Minister nor the Deputy Chief Minister made a commitment to oppose the SIR," said a statement from the campaign.

The campaign members further urged the government to assess options to conduct elections through paper ballots in Karnataka, form a team of legal experts and activists to come up with strategy to prevent the implementation of SIR in the State, and organise efforts to ensure ward-level and panchayat-level help desks to assist voters.

MLC takes jibe at B.L. Santhosh on T.N. politics

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Senior Congress leader and MLC B.K. Hariprasad on Friday took a jibe at BJP national general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santhosh, terming his remarks on Tamil Nadu politics the "biggest joke of the decade".

Mr. Santhosh had posted on X: "Time will tell who will form a government in Tamil Nadu. But one thing is for sure, Congress will end up with egg on its face." Reacting, Mr. Hariprasad posted: "BJP's @blsanthosh lecturing on Tamil Nadu politics is the biggest joke of the decade."

He said the BJP is "not even a serious player worth mentioning in the State's electoral landscape". He further said that Tamil Nadu had repeatedly rejected "communal politics, Hindi imposition, and the BJP's divide-and-rule agenda".

"The people of Tamil Nadu will decide their future – not Delhi's propaganda machinery. And remember, alliances are built on people's trust, not ED raids, Governors, horse-trading and backdoor politics," he said.

Government orders procurement of sunflower seeds at ₹7,721 a quintal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has ordered the procurement of sunflower seeds for the 2025-26 rabi season at a support price of ₹7,721 per quintal in 11 districts under the support price scheme.

Sugar, Textiles and Agricultural Marketing Minister Shivanand Patil has directed authorities to open procurement centres in Bagalkot, Belagavi, Ballari, Vijayapura, Chamarajanagar, Chitradurga, Gadag, Kalaburagi, Vijayanagara, Raichur, and Dharwad districts, in accordance with the Union government's support price guidelines.

The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Ltd. have been appointed as the Union government's procurement agencies, while the Karnataka Cooperative Oilseed Growers' Federation will serve as the State government's procurement agency.

The Karnataka Cooperative Oilseed Growers' Federation will serve as the State government's procurement agency. FILE PHOTO

Farmers must complete registration within the next 50 days, while procurement will be carried out over the following 60 days

Farmers must complete registration within the next 50 days, while procurement will be carried out over the following 60 days. Deputy Commissioners, who head the District Task Force Committees, have been instructed to begin the registration and procurement process immediately.

To facilitate farmers in rural areas, procurement centres will be opened in collaboration with organisations that have warehouses equipped with the necessary technical and scientific facilities.

He directed officials to ensure that traders and procurement agencies do not misuse the support price procurement centres in the name of farmers.

Mr. Patil said officials have been asked to provide details of the procurement progress daily to the State government and the Karnataka State Agricultural Marketing Board.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao addressing reporters in Mangaluru on Friday. H.S. MANJUNATH

Cabinet reshuffle in State likely after forming Kerala govt., says Minister

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A Cabinet reshuffle in Karnataka is likely after the formation of the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) government in Kerala, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao said here on Friday.

He told presspersons that the Congress high command is expected to decide on the Cabinet reshuffle.

Party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will announce the date of the reshuffle.

Mr. Rao refused to comment on the statement by Congress leader D.K. Suresh about "sweet news" on May 15.

He also did not comment on the question of whether he is in contention for the post of Chief Minister.

Muslim leaders to meet next week to take stock of Congress's promises

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Alleging that the ruling Congress in Karnataka has failed to fulfil many of the promises made during the 2023 Assembly elections, members of the Muslim community, under the banner of the Karnataka Rajya Muslim Okkoota (KRMO), have decided to hold a major convention in Bengaluru on May 16 to discuss their future course of action.

A large public convention will be held at Sir K.P. Puttanna Chetty Town Hall in the city, during which a report titled 'Karnataka Muslim Convention - What Did the Congress Government Say? What Did It Do? What Next?' will be released.

The decision to organise the convention was taken at a recent meeting attended by representatives of Muslim organisations, associations, ulema bodies, federations, and members of the KRMO ad hoc committee.

The report reviews the Congress government's performance over the past three years, including promises made to the Muslim community, on key issues and assurances that, according to the organisers, have remained unfulfilled.

Representatives of various organisations expressed dissatisfaction with the functioning of the Congress government, which is set to complete three years in office soon. A leader said politicians and legislators of the party will not be invited to the meeting.

TAMIL NADU CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION LTD.
29/2, Arcot Road, Saligramam, Chennai - 600093 Email ID: tanco93@yahoo.com

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender No: TNCCF/2026-27/03 DATE: 08.05.2026

Tamil Nadu Consumers Cooperative Federation invites all India online electronic tender for **"Purchase of 750 Metric Tons of Double Roasted Rava" in 1 kg Packets, 600 Metric Tons of Samba Rava" in 1 kg Packets and 750 Metric Tons of Semiya (Vermicelli) in 200 Grams Packet for The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme.** Complete **E-TENDER** document can be viewed and downloaded through **https//tntenders.gov.in** and also available in **nicgep/app** free of cost **from 09.05.2026, 11.30 A.M onwards.**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-III.

Last Date and Time for Online Submission : **08.06.2026 Upto 10.30 A.M.**

DIPR/1839/TENDER/2026 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

INBRIEF

Naidu tells officials to clear e-files within 24 hours

Stressing the need for faster governance through technology-driven administration, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to ensure that e-files are cleared within 24 hours. On the second day of the Collectors' Conference at the Secretariat on Friday, Mr. Naidu reviewed file clearance systems and expressed satisfaction over the reduction in file disposal timelines, from several days earlier to hours in many departments.

Wife of former IPS officer killed at home in Hyderabad

Tanuja Ranjan, 55, wife of former IPS officer Vinay Ranjan was found dead at her residence in the upscale neighbourhoood of Prashasan Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, on Friday. According to the police, preliminary investigations indicate she was murdered during a robbery attempt. The police suspect the involvement of 25-year-old Kalpana, domestic help, in the crime, while findings also indicate involvement of a gang. Six police teams have been formed for the probe.

K. Satchidanandan resigns as Sahitya Akademi president

Poet and writer K. Satchidanandan has resigned from his post as president of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi in Thrissur, Kerala. Vice-president Ashokan Charuvil has also stepped down from his position. Both leaders submitted their resignation letters via Email to the Secretary of the Cultural Affairs department. Mr. Satchidanandan had been heading the Akademi for the last four years and his term was scheduled to end in May.

Congress leadership race in Kerala spills over to streets

Cadre put up hoardings and hold marches in support of Satheesan, Venugopal and Chennithala in urban areas; poster campaigns continue in vicinity of KPCC headquarters and district offices

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Jockeying for the Congress's Chief Minister's post in Kerala seemed barely below the surface on Friday.

Hoardings and marches in support of Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal, MP, and senior leader Ramesh Chennithala, touted by their respective supporters as the ideal picks to lead the new United Democratic Front (UDF) government, continued to proliferate across urban centres in the State, the high command's repeated remonstrations against public displays of factional loyalty notwithstanding.

For one, posters vouching for different Chief Minister probables came up in the surroundings of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee's (KPCC) headquarters at Indira Bhavan in Thiruvananthapuram ahead of discussions to settle the leadership question in Delhi, possibly on Sunday. A comparable pattern of poster campaigning was seen in the vicinity of district congress committee offices across the State.

Power tussle: Congress workers stage a march in Thrissur demanding that V. D. Satheesan be made Chief Minister. K.K. NAJEEB

Competing rallies

The three-way leadership tussle spilt onto the streets across Kerala, with competing rallies by Congress workers professing their respective factional loyalties.

In Thiruvananthapuram, scores of people marched behind a banner emblazoned with Mr. Satheesan's image from the Martyr's Square in Palayam to the Government Secretariat, with some workers tearing down posters which announced Mr. Venugopal as Kerala's next Chief Minister. Similar marches were held in Thrissur, Perumbavoor in Ernakulam, Idukki, Kozhikode, and Malappuram.

The power struggle convulsing the Congress in Kerala appeared to have unnerved the State and national leadership.

KPCC president Sunny Joseph, MLA, hastily called off a press conference he had announced on Thursday.

Plea in SC says Governor is 'duty-bound' to invite TVK to form govt. in Tamil Nadu

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A writ petition was filed in the Supreme Court on Friday, submitting that the Tamil Nadu Governor is duty-bound to invite Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) party president C. Joseph Vijay to form the government as the leader of the single largest party, and later prove the majority on the floor of the House.

The petition filed by Ezhilarasi P., who said she is a TVK member, cited media reports that Governor Rajendra Arlekar may invite post-poll coalition parties in Tamil Nadu to form the government.

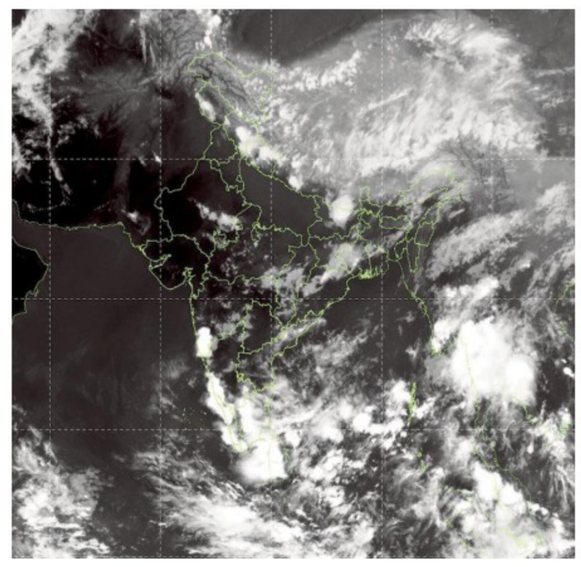
Advocate A. Lakshminarayanan, representing the petitioner, said such a move by the Governor would "sound the death-knell for democracy" and be against the mandate of the electorate.

"Since no pre-poll alliance has a majority, the natural first call is to the TVK as the single largest party, especially since it has already filed a formal claim with the Congress's letter of support. The Governor's role is to invite and not to demand a full proof of majority before issuing the invitation," the petition said.

It said that requiring the TVK to first produce letter of support from 118 MLAs before issuing an invitation would invert the constitutional sequence established by the Supreme Court.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy Rainfall very likely at isolated places over Kerala & Mahe, South Interior Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Puducherry & Karaikal. Thunderstorm accompanied with Hailstorm very likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1.0	34.4	24.4	Kozhikode	4.0	34.4	26.2
Ahmedabad	—	43.1	27.7	Kurnool	—	38.5	27.8
Aizawl	—	31.6	19.5	Lucknow	—	34.6	21.2
Allahabad	—	38.2	21.0	Madurai	18.0	34.0	23.6
Bengaluru	—	33.2	23.3	Mangaluru	0.4	34.6	26.1
Bhopal	—	—	—	Mumbai	—	34.4	27.5
Bhubaneswar	—	37.1	25.0	Mysuru	—	34.4	22.0
Chandigarh	—	33.0	20.0	New Delhi	—	35.1	21.4
Chennai	—	33.0	33.0	Patna	34.2	33.8	23.7
Coimbatore	—	34.3	23.4	Port Blair	—	33.0	27.6
Dehradun	—	32.3	18.5	Puducherry	—	32.8	24.9
Gangtok	2.0	20.4	11.8	Pune	—	39.7	26.9
Goa	—	36.1	27.0	Raipur	—	39.4	27.3
Guwahati	—	32.7	22.6	Ranchi	—	32.4	19.0
Hubballi	—	35.0	25.0	Shillong	6.0	22.0	12.5
Hyderabad	—	36.6	26.6	Shimla	—	19.5	11.4
Imphal	—	31.4	18.1	Srinagar	—	30.0	13.0
Jaipur	—	38.5	22.4	Thiruvananthapuram	11.0	34.8	24.7
Kochi	0.2	33.0	25.0	Tiruchi	5.0	33.5	24.4
Kohima	—	—	—	Vijayawada	15.0	37.6	26.5
Kolkata	49.0	32.6	20.2	Visakhapatnam	—	34.0	28.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.99	..82	26	 63	79	
Bengaluru	.16	..19	47	 34	...106	
Chennai	...6	4	33	 9	27	
Delhi	..—	..18	29	 54	82	
Hyderabad	...8	130	37	 17	.....—	
Kolkata	.14	..28	37	 80	64	
Lucknow	...9	..41	26	... 148	99	
Mumbai	...1	..15	59	 47	...130	
Pune	..—	..56	..2	 54	99	
Visakhapatnam	...6	..15	12	 14	39	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 214 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 24

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Woman dies at police station in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
PALNADU

Tension prevailed in Palnadu district of Andhra Pradesh after a man alleged that his daughter died under suspicious circumstances at a police station during an inquiry.

According to the police, in a complaint lodged at the Krosuru Police Station, Chandrababu Pallepu, a resident of Chirala in Bapatla district, alleged that his daughter was killed at the Circle Inspector's office in Krosuru on May 5.

The woman, who had obtained a divorce in 2018, had reportedly lodged a complaint in 2021 against police constable P. Venkateswara Reddy, accusing him of having an extra-marital relationship with her and later refusing to marry her, the police said.

The police had called the woman for an inquiry into the case on May 5.

Later that same day, she was found dead in the police station, leading her family to suspect foul play.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Channapatna Branch No. 2911/4-10, B M Road, Kuvempunagar, Channapatna, Ramanagara - 562160, Ph: 9744880055 Mail Id: ubin0910821@unionbankofindia.bank.in

1. Name And Address Of the Borrower, Co-application And Guarantor :
1. M/s Manjushree Enterprises, Old Parvathy Talkies Road, Channapatna, Ramanagara Dist., Karnataka-562160
2. Mr. Manjunatha H S/o Hanumaiah, No.118, Yelekere, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara Dist., Karnataka-562160
3. Mrs. Girija G V W/o Manjunath H, No. 118, Yelekere, Channapatana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist., Karnataka-562160
Amount due : Rs. 28,00,627-00 as on 30-04-2026 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold : All The Part And Parcel Of Vacant Site In The Name Of **Mr. H Manjunatha,** Bearing Municipal Katha No. 168, Municipal Door No. 160/116/1, Situated At Vakkaligara Beedi, Yelekeri, Channapatna Town, A Division, Ramanagara Dist, **Measuring 2170 Square feet, Bounded On The East:** S Narayanagowda's Residence, **West:** Property Of Hanumaiah, **North:** Property Of Divakar, **South:** Municipal Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.23,90,472-00
(Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Two only)
Earnest Money to Be Deposited :
Rs.2,39,047-00(Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand and Forty seven only).

Harohalli branch, Kempaiah building, Harohalli Village & Post, Ramanagara - 562112 Ph: 7351002858, Mail id: ubin0814580@unionbankofindia.bank.in

2. Name And Address Of the Borrower, Co-application And Guarantor :
1. Mr. Swamy M (as he is Deceased, His Legal Heirs) A. Mrs. Manjula M W/o Late Swamy M, **B. Master Yogaraju S C., Miss Amrutha S,** All are Residing at : Karadi Gudde Pipeline Road, Samrat Ashoka Nagara, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagara - 562117
2. Mrs. Manjula M W/o Late Swamy M, Karadi Gudde Pipeline Road, Samrat Ashoka Nagara, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagara - 562117
Amount due : Rs. 18,76,669-00 as on 30-04-2026 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold : All The Part And The Parcel Of Residential House In The Name Of **Mr. Late. Swamy M.** Bearing No 77, CMC Khatha No 9020/7710/77, Situated At Eastern Side Of Mysuru Road, Pipe Line Road, Kanakapura, Ramanagara – 562117, **Measuring East-West 40 Feet, North-South 20 Feet, Total 800 Sqare feet, Bounded By East-** Site No 76, **West-** Road, **North-** Site No 78, **South-** Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.29,35,319-00
(Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred And Nineteen Only)
Earnest Money to Be Deposited :
Rs. 2,93,532-00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred And Thirty Two Only).

Date and time of E-Auction : Date: 26-05-2026 From 12.00 pm to 5.00 PM(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : On or before the commencement of e-Auction.
E-auction website- https://baanknet.com

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit : please refer to the link provided : https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx

Date : 09-05-2026
Place : Mysuru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my Client has entered into an Agreement of Sale with **1.SRI A.C.CHANDRASHEKAR RAJU, aged about 66 years S/o Late Sri. A.Chama Raju, residing at No.29, 15th Cross, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 11 and his 13 family members,** represented by their General Power of Attorney Holder, **M/s. Navami Chamara Heights**, a partnership Firm by its Managing Partner Sri.D.Ravi and Promoter/Developer M/s. Navami Chamara Heights, a partnership Firm, having its Office at #11, A.S.Complex, 2nd Floor, Somashekarappa Layout, 8th Main, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560 079, by its Managing Partner **Sri.D.Ravi,** for purchase of residential Flat which is more fully described in the **Item No.1 and 2 of Schedule "A" property** mentioned hereunder. Hence, if any person/s has/have any right, title, interest, objection or claim on the below mentioned **Item No.1 and 2 of Schedule "A" property,** they may file their objections with the undersigned along with documentary proof **WITHIN 15 (FIFTEEN) DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my Client will proceed to complete the sale transaction as the same is free from all encumbrances/claims. Any objections received thereafter will not be entertained/ considered.

Schedule –"A"
(Description of entire Schedule "A" property)

All that piece and parcel of the property being portion of Municipal **No.396/130,** carved out of residential converted land in Sy.No.130, situated at **Ullalu Ward No.130, Ullalu, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bengaluru-560 056** (earlier residentially converted land being portion of **Sy.No.130)** measuring about 2 **Acres 9 ½ Guntas (97,427.06 Square feet)** together with the compound wall and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and the entire property is bounded as follows:-

East by : Road,
West by : Raja Kaluve
North by : Raja Kaluve and Mallathhalli Village boundary
South by : Ullalu Main Road.

Schedule -"B"
Item No.1
(Description of Apartment)

Flat No.1802 in the Eighteenth Floor, Tower –A, Type-2, 2BHK, measuring **779.50 Square feet** Carpet Area and **1130.00 Sq.ft** super built up Area, which includes common areas such as passage, lobbies, stair case and lifts totally measuring **1130 square feet** Super Built up area in the residential Apartment known as **"NAVAMI CHAMARA HEIGHTS"** , constructed in the Schedule 'A' property and undivided share, rights, interest and title in the Schedule "A" property along with one Covered Car Parking No.A1802 and bounded as follows:-

East by : Open space and Tower B
West by : Lobby & Flat No.1805 of Tower A
North by : Flat No.1801of Tower A
South by : Open space & Flat No.1803 of Tower A

ITEM NO.2
(Description of Undivided share)

237.46 Square feet of Undivided share in the land area out of the Schedule "A" property proportionately allotted to **Flat No.1802, Tower A** based on which the First Party/Land Owners and Second Party/Developer have achieved the FAR for the construction of composite Development.

(U.L.SOMAPPA) Advocate & Notary
 # 708/41, Upstairs, Sree Ramanjaneya Road Srinagar, Bangalore-560050.
(M) 94480 50108, 98806 14954
Bangalore Date : 09-05-2026

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West by : Raja Kaluve
North by : Raja Kaluve and Mallathhalli Village boundary
South by : Ullalu Main Road.

Schedule -"B"
Item No.1
(Description of Apartment)

Flat No.2001 in the Twentieth Floor, Tower –A, Type-1, 3BHK, measuring **1027.47** Square feet Carpet Area and **1460 Sq.ft** super built up Area, which includes common areas such as passage, lobbies, stair case and lifts totally measuring **1460 Square feet** Super Built up area in the residential Apartment known as **"NAVAMI CHAMARA HEIGHTS"** , constructed in the Schedule 'A' property and undivided share, rights, interest and title in the Schedule "A" property along with one Covered Car Parking No.A2001 and bounded as follows:-

East by : Open space and Tower B
West by : Flat No.2006 of Tower A
North by : Raja Kaluve & Private Property
South by : Flat No.2002 of Tower A

ITEM NO.2
(Description of Undivided share)

306.80 Square feet of Undivided share in the land area out of the Schedule "A" property proportionately allotted to **Flat No.2001, Tower A** based on which the First Party/Promoter have achieved the FAR for the construction of composite Development.

(U.L.SOMAPPA) Advocate & Notary
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Bangalore Date : 09-05-2026

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTRN RAILWAY, MYSURU DIVISON, MYSURU)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 20 A of the Railway Act 1989 (24 of 1989) (herein after referred to as the said Act), the central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose. The brief description of the land which has been given in the schedule annexed hereto is required for the execution of the Special railway project, in lieu of Level crossing No. 82, between Karadi - Tiptur Railway Stations in Tiptur Town (Bandihalli Gate) for construction of RUB in the State of Karnataka, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within Thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of Section 20D of the said Act:

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru for ROB / RUB's in lieu of Level crossing No. 82, between Karadi - Tiptur Railway Stations in Tiptur Town (Bandihalli Gate) in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections:

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 20 D of the said Act shall be final:

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling with in the proposed Special Railway Project of RUB Construction in lieu of Level crossing No. 82, between Karadi - Tiptur Railway Stations in Tiptur Town (Bandihalli Gate) in the State of Karnataka.

DISTRICT: TUMAKURU **HOBLI:** KASABA
TALUK: TIPTUR, **VILLAGE / TOWN:** TIPTUR

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Name of Land Owner	Acquired Extent (In Acres-Guntas)				Classification of land
			Total (A-G)	A Kharab (A-G)	B Kharab (A-G)	Balance (A-G)	
1	109	S.S. Rudraiah S/O Shankarappa Vivekananda S/O S.S. Rudraiah (joint)	0-00 1/2	-	-	0-00 1/2	N.A.K.,
2	110/1	Mangala T.M. W/O Mruthyunjaya C.B., T.M. Anupama D/O T.M. Manjunatha (Joint)	0-05 1/2	-	-	0-05 1/2	Dry
3	111/1A	Manjula W/O Jayanna	0-01	-	-	0-01	Dry
4	111/1C1	N.Kumar S/O Nanjappa, T.G. Nagaraju S/O Gurappa, B.S. Basavaraju S/O Shivanna, Kumar Swamy S/O Basavaraju	0-00 1/4	-	-	0-00 1/4	Dry
5	111/1C2	B.S. Channegowda S/O Late Nanjappa	0-02 1/2	-	-	0-02 1/2	N.A.K.
6	111/1B	Chandramma Father Ningappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	Dry
7	112/1	Kamala W/O B.N. Shankarappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	Dry
8	112/2B	Nanjamma W/O Mariyappa, Shivanna, T. Siddalingaiah and T. Nanjaiah (Joint) Leelamma urf Neelamma W/O Shivananda K	0-01 1/4	-	-	0-01 1/4	Dry
9	129/1A1	M.R. Dinesh Babu S/O M.S. Ramalingappa	0-03	-	-	0-03	Dry
10	129/2A	B.N. Padmakshamma D/O B Narayanarao, B.S. Gururaj S/O Srinivasamurthy (Joint)	0-03 3/4	-	-	0-03 3/4	N.A.K.
11	129/6	Vijaya Kumari W/O Late Basavaraju	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	N.A.K.
12	129/5	T.C. Ananda S/O Late Chandrappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	N.A.K.
13	129/4	Yashodamma W/O Late Mahadevappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	Dry
14	129/8	Yashodamma W/O Late Mahadevappa	0-02	-	-	0-02	Dry
		Total	**0-27 1/4**	**-**	**-**	**0-27 1/4**	**-**

ABSTRACT			
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Special Railway Project, Tumakuru

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Take east

The BJP's priority must be to end the violence in West Bengal

The Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in West Bengal has long been in the making. In power for three consecutive five-year terms, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) had been degenerating by the day while the BJP built itself up, vote by vote, aided by all the levers of power that it could exercise as the ruling party at the Centre. The party won 207 of the 294 Assembly seats; in 2021 it had 77. Suvendu Adhikari, Leader of the Opposition in the outgoing Assembly, will be the new Chief Minister. He defeated Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in her own constituency, Bhabanipur – marking the second time that he has prevailed over her, after Nandigram in 2021. Popular dissatisfaction over jobs, corruption, governance and law and order undermined the TMC, which increasingly relied on violence and coercion to keep the State under its thumb. The West Bengal teacher recruitment scam eroded public trust in the TMC, and the R.G. Kar rape and murder case was a major inflection point. Ms. Banerjee first lost control of governance – which was never complete even at the beginning – and then lost control of the narrative. In 2021, her claim to be the protector of Bengali identity against a BJP perceived as the promoter of a Hindi heartland project had worked in her favour. That regional identity politics weakened as its principal champion sank into chaos and degeneration.

The BJP's strategy has been evolving over the years under the direct supervision of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who spent several weeks in the State through the campaign. The party expanded its capacity at the booth level across rural Bengal through a decade of sustained work, building on its strong performance in the 2019 general election and its 2021 Assembly showing. The party had its own identity politics capable of countering the TMC's Bengali identity politics. BJP politics in the State was constructed on intense, contentious debates around citizenship, migration and Hindu consolidation – all tied to controversial administrative measures such as the tailored Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls and changes to the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The CAA was deployed as a mobilisation tool, particularly among Matua and other refugee communities. The BJP's gains flowed from a consolidation of Hindu votes alongside a decisive split in the TMC's Muslim support base. Now that the party has created history in West Bengal, the governance challenges before it cannot be overstated. The targeted assassination of a key aide of Mr. Adhikari and violence that has gripped many parts of the State, are instructive. The State needs a new vision for development and progress, but the restoration of law and order is the most urgent priority of all.

More from less

The AINRC won comfortably with a reduced vote share

The people of the Union Territory of Puducherry, no strangers to fractured electoral verdicts, have decisively handed another term to the All India N.R. Congress-led National Democratic Alliance, favouring continuity and the status quo. Despite an unremarkable governance record, the NDA retained power largely due to the first-past-the-post system, which disproportionately rewards parties with the highest vote share. This is what has been reflected in the results of the 2026 Assembly poll. On the face of it, the NDA's victory appears convincing, but a closer look at the vote-share data tells a different story. By winning 18 of the 30 Assembly seats, the ruling alliance gained two more seats than in 2021, even as its vote share fell to about 38% – nearly five percentage points lower than five years ago. On the other hand, the Congress-led INDIA bloc, with about 32% of votes, lost two seats and its tally stood at six. It also suffered erosion of its vote base by around 3%. The presence of the TVK has caused vote share loss to the two formations, though the NDA ultimately emerged victorious. The TVK, along with its ally, won three seats with a vote share of around 18%. Apart from the charismatic appeal of the TVK's founder, C. Joseph Vijay, the prolonged wrangling over seat-sharing within the INDIA bloc hurt the alliance's prospects, despite its emphatic Puducherry Lok Sabha victory two years ago by over 1.3 lakh votes. Chief Minister N. Rangasamy, set to begin his fifth term, deserves credit for shielding his alliance from the TVK's challenge, despite speculation before the polls that the All India N.R. Congress might leave the NDA to join the fledgling party.

Instead of taking steps for the implementation of his electoral promise of securing Statehood for Puducherry, Mr. Rangasamy should focus on delivering better governance. The functioning of the outgoing regime came in for sharp criticism from the office of the C&AG which, in its report for 2023-24, had rapped the AINRC-headed regime for spending beyond its means. Apart from ensuring administrative continuity and closer alignment with the Centre, the Chief Minister should focus on balanced urban and rural development, and improving infrastructure and public services. Also, with changing demographics, renewed focus should be on youth employment, sustainable housing, and environmental conservation to maintain a high quality of life. His administration should make lasting efforts to reduce the damage that frequent cyclones and floods cause to the people and their livelihoods. Such an approach would be the perfect way of expression of gratitude on his part to those who have voted for him and the NDA.

A watershed moment in India's defence posture

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Operation Sindoor commenced at 1:05 a.m. on May 7, 2025, with a surgical, high-intensity destruction of selected terrorist infrastructure. This strike was a direct and decisive response to the cowardly Pahalgam carnage orchestrated by cross-border terrorists on April 22, 2025. This operation represents a paradigm shift in India's politico-military mindset and doctrine, marking a watershed moment in its approach to national security

New era Indian doctrine

India's historical posture of "reactive restraint" provided a strong rationale for a "dossier approach", in which military inaction was often portrayed as extraordinary restraint and was frequently encouraged and lauded by the West. ""What if" loops about attacking terror targets in a nuclear-armed adversary provided the final blow to India's decision-makers. Post-Operation Sindoor, the "zero tolerance" policy declared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was pivoted further and reinforced, whereby any act of cross-border terrorism would be considered an "act of war".

This reflects a leadership that possesses both the strategic resolve to act and the absolute confidence in the armed forces to deliver retribution. Despite the political risks, this extraordinary resolve to tackle terror head on – and the refusal to submit to nuclear blackmail and external pressure drew new red lines.

Operation Sindoor defined a new chapter in India's defence evolution too. While on transition to integration and restructuring, this Operation tested the ground realities of the three services – the Indian Air Force (IAF), the Indian Navy and the Indian Army. Post Pahalgam, the forces were tuned to expect a clear-cut political directive for action, which came in an unambiguous form and was perhaps stronger than what the services had anticipated. The services were given a free hand.

The resultant Indian strikes on nine terrorist targets were exceptionally well-integrated across the three services, achieving total success despite a fully alert Pakistan. The choice of Bahawalpur, and Muridke in Pakistan as targets was unthinkable. Pakistan and the world woke up to realities of the "new normal". Pictures and videos of the massive destruction at these terror hubs, and the sheer scale and success of the strikes, were stunning.

The highly calibrated and intelligent Indian response over the next two days was executed well, calmly but firmly. Pakistan clearly misread India's resolve. On May 9 and 10, when the Pakistan Air Force attempted to strike some of India's critical high-value assets, the Indian Air Force countered it in near real time with waves of airstrikes hitting 11 bases across Pakistan, including Nur Khan, Sargodha, Murid and Bholari. The level of precise targeting and extent of damage achieved could not have been imagined by Pakistan. The global defence analytical community acknowledges this as one of the most defining and concise actions against a nuclear-armed nation.

India's strategic doctrine has evolved sharply after Operation Sindoor

Military audaciousness at its best

This total, integrated and calibrated response, characterised by masterful control of the escalation ladder, reflects the seamless synergy between India's civil and military institutions. In my opinion, India's achievements could not have been better. After 88 hours of Operation Sindoor, by noon on May 10, Pakistan was reeling from massive destruction at 11 bases by the IAF. Karachi was nervously monitoring Indian naval deployments poised for action, while aggressive Indian Army operations along the Line of Control and the International Border had rendered drone attacks unviable. A robust, networked air-defence system, including the S-400 missile system had completely denied airspace not only over Indian territory but also deep inside Pakistan. Pakistan had no choice but to rush and request a ceasefire.

Given the dynamics and complications of escalation control under a nuclear overhang, India's Chief of Defence Staff and the Service Chiefs deserve high praise for the ferocious targeting on May 10 and the brilliant seizing of the escalation opportunity to coerce a termination. This was military audaciousness at its very best.

The Indian armed forces responded in full measure to the political mandate, leaving no doubt regarding the nation's capacity for rapid, high-impact operation. The sheer scale and speed of India's action on May 10 was watched with awe across the country.

The announcement of the ceasefire was too sudden for the public at large, You cannot blame the people asking for more. One cannot view these developments with emotion. Having achieved all objectives and the scope of action on May 10, the termination decision was perfectly timed.

Operation Sindoor's ongoing status carries a powerful strategic signal. Undoubtedly, the primary signal is for terrorists to remain in hiding and for their backers to desist. The message also extends to the Pakistani citizenry –a stark and constant reminder of the reckless involvement of part of their military leadership. In the age of global digital transparency and expert strategic analysis, the truth of these events cannot be shielded from their people for long. They must now confront the realities of a military regime camouflaged by a political facade and "regime" change should be on their minds.

Accelerate indigenous defence growth

Ongoing operations have implications for India as well. The defence forces would need to maintain a high state of readiness to act. After the opening round of Operation Sindoor, the expectations are high. I am sure the services are working proactively to deliver. An equally important implication is for the defence industry to ramp up in real terms to achieve Atmanirbharata. The focus must be to "Innovate, Design, and Manufacture" at scale.

The government has focused hugely on reforms to energise the public and private industry in defence, aerospace, space, cyber and Artificial Intelligence domains. The stellar performance of indigenous systems during Operation Sindoor has invigorated India's innovation and startup ecosystem. I have always maintained that the real responsibility for being the "agent of change" rests with the Defence Research and Development Organisation laboratories, Defence Public Sector Undertakings, and, to some extent, even on large industry players already in the system. They no longer have the option to delay and must immediately focus on truly integrating the entire private sector, including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and startups, into an indigenous ecosystem through a "whole-of-nation" approach. There is an urgent need to capitalise on this golden period of governance and reforms, and the unpredictable geopolitical environment only reinforces the need to double down on true Atmanirbharta.

Ultimately, the "Modi redlines" regarding cross-border terrorism are permanent. This new normal is irreversible and will define India's strategic mindset for the foreseeable future. The nation demands nothing less, and the populace would stand firmly behind the architects and executors of India's national security. My salute to everyone involved in the success of Operation Sindoor.

The elephant in India's data room

Abhishek Sharma

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As another session of Parliament has ended, a familiar pattern was visible on the floor of the House. Members of Parliament who rose to ask questions, performing one of Parliament's most important accountability functions. Yet, a large share of these questions have followed/follow a predictable format, such as asking how many schools have functional toilets, how many pensions were disbursed in a given year, or how many beneficiaries received a particular scheme.

While these questions address important public concerns, the information they seek should ideally and already exist in the public domain in a clear, standardised, and easily accessible format.

An analysis of the parliamentary questions asked during the 17th Lok Sabha (2019-24) on youth employment found that a large share sought such basic facts. This reflects a far deeper reality that India's data system is fragmented and lacks interoperability. The elephant in the room, rarely acknowledged in such debates, is data standardisation, without which even the most ambitious policy visions risk being built on shifting sands.

Anatomy of the problem

In the National Data and Analytics Platform vision document released by NITI Aayog, it was observed that India's data ecosystem remains incoherent, with Ministries and government departments failing to use shared standards for common indicators and even defining basic attributes such as time period and region inconsistently. India today generates more data than ever before, yet abundance does not equate to usability. Data collected by individual Ministries for their own programmes often cannot be integrated seamlessly, making consolidation a laborious and error-prone task.

According to a NITI Aayog report released in June 2025, welfare programme databases often list the same beneficiary multiple times, leading to fiscal leakages that inflate spending by 4%-7% annually. Recent government data clean-ups highlight the potential savings from addressing such inefficiencies. Notably, deleting 17.1 million ineligible names from the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme was expected to save ₹90 billion in FY2024, while removing 35 million bogus LPG connections could save ₹210 billion over two years, and eliminating 16 million fake ration cards may save around ₹100 billion annually.

India must ensure data standardisation for better governance outcomes

These inefficiencies have significant policy implications. In the health sector, for instance, studies show that childhood tuberculosis cases are recorded separately in the Health Management Information System, the disease surveillance network, and immunisation registries, often resulting in the same patient being counted multiple times. Such duplication creates conflicting estimates, often leaving decision-makers uncertain and leading some to disregard data altogether in favour of anecdote or political expediency.

Beyond policy implications, these weaknesses also carry perception and economic costs. In the Global Innovation Index 2024, India had missing data for two indicators and outdated data for eight, with several relying on figures more than a year old.

Without coordinated methodologies, such indices both mask real performance and expose gaps in inter-agency coordination. In economic terms, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development estimates that improving public-sector data availability and sharing could add up to 1.5% of GDP, rising to 2.5% if private-sector data is included. In other words, the cost of poor data governance lies not only in misinformed decisions but also in squandered economic potential.

Common standard for data

The solution to the inefficiencies can be seen under the National Data Governance Framework Policy (NDGFP), where the proposed India Data Management Office (IDMO) has the potential to be the keystone of reform by developing and enforcing common rules, standards, guidelines and protocols for data across all Ministries and States. However, the IDMO needs to be empowered with real authority to set binding standards, audit compliance, and resolve disputes over definitions and methodologies across Ministries. Otherwise, the inefficiencies will persist.

In addition, alignment with global statistical frameworks such as the UN's System of National Accounts for economic indicators, and harmonising them within a National Statistical Standards Manual could unify definitions and practices nationwide.

Most of all, India's open data platform, "data.gov.in", should be scaled up into a centralised, schema-consistent repository that serves both public availability of information and internal needs. Ministries must upload datasets in standardised formats regularly, enabling parliamentarians to access real-time, district-level figures.

As a benchmark

Finally, institutionalising accountability will be key to sustaining progress. NITI Aayog's Data Governance Quality Index should be an annual benchmark, tied to performance reviews and incentives for Ministries and States, as healthy competition on data quality can drive change as powerfully as economic competition.

Data standardisation is often minimised as a technical exercise, but it is in fact the grammar of governance that a nation aspiring to become a $5 trillion economy needs to get right. Addressing the elephant in the data room means committing to the standards, systems and stewardship that will make India's data fit for purpose, and fit for the future.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A wise man's advice

The timely epistle by Gopalkrishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal, in the form of an open letter to the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam leader C. Joseph Vijay ("An open letter to Joseph Vijay", May 6), can be read as a wise man's advice and, at the same time, a welcome caution and alert to the actor-politician who is a novice in political governance and administration.

Every syllable of the open letter deserves careful reading and assimilation by Mr. Vijay if he has to blossom into a successful Chief Minister.

Mr. Gandhi's advocacy for Mr. Vijay to keep protection of India's federal and secular fabric and the tenets of the Constitution as his priority, is laudable. His insistence that he should follow the lofty ideals of self respect and equality preached by Periyar EVR and ardently followed in letter and spirit by his illustrious predecessor M.K. Stalin, needs careful adherence by Mr. Vijay.

All the above are possible only and only when Mr. Vijay realises that the cine glare that has blinded his fans and has made them to vote his party to power could fade away anytime.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Candid camera

The picture of the DMK President, M.K. Stalin, waving at his supporters in the Kolathur constituency following his defeat in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections evokes a sense of despondency (Opinion page, "Picture of the week", May 8). For a leader who has done so much for his Kolathur constituency in Chennai over the years, especially in terms of infrastructural development, this is certainly not the verdict he deserves.

The strong support for Mr. Stalin from the people of Kolathur, who turned emotional when he visited to thank them, reflects the deep bond he has built with the residents. One cannot and should not forget that Mr. Stalin made Tamil Nadu economically prosperous, with GSDP growth of 11.19% in FY 2024–25 — the first time in 14 years that it exceeded 10% — and 10.83% in 2025–26. In addition, he implemented welfare schemes, particularly for women, which gained wide popularity across the State.

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Corrections & Clarifications

India is the world's second-largest coal producer, not third as mentioned in the report "RE meets global electricity demand for the first time" (Opinion page, 'Data Point', May 6, 2026).

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GROUND ZERO

Nightmare on the Narmada

Of the 41 passengers and crew members onboard a cruise vessel on the Narmada River, 13 died when it capsized during a violent storm in the Bargi Dam reservoir on April 30. The tourism department-operated cruise had been carrying families seeking respite from the summer heat. **Mehul Malpani** reports on the tragedy in Jabalpur and the questions it has raised over safety protocols and preparedness for inland vessel operations

The wreckage of the cruise boat that capsized in the Bargi dam reservoir in Jabalpur on April 30. A.M. FARUQUI

April 30 was a sweltering summer day in Madhya Pradesh, with the temperature crossing 40 degrees Celsius. So, when clouds gathered over the Jabalpur sky and a light breeze swept through the city that afternoon, people planned outings to nearby parks and lakes.

Several families decided to head to the Bargi dam reservoir on the Narmada river, about 40 kilometres from Jabalpur. For nearly three decades, this has been a popular destination for locals and tourists alike. Boat and cruise rides are operated by the Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (MPSTDC) at the Bargi Boat Club.

"I have been going there for more than 20 years and my family loves boating and going on cruise rides," says 72-year-old Riyaz Hussain Sayyed. "Whenever I have family or friends visiting, I take them there."

Sayyed's latest cruise ride, however, has left him with trauma that he says will stay with him forever. That windy afternoon, as passengers were enjoying the change in weather, a storm suddenly intensified and huge waves lashed against the boat, which capsized within minutes.

Sayyed watched helplessly as his 66-year-old wife, Reshma, disappeared into the water. His daughter's mother-in-law, Shamim Zaidi, 68, also died. "I just waited for death quietly. I heard a man's voice on the other side of the boat. He was also trying to get out, but he soon became silent," he recalls.

Clinging to a small grill, Sayyed managed to breathe through a narrow gap for more than four hours, surrounded by violent water and an eerie darkness.

He began shouting when he saw lights towards the shore and was rescued more than an hour later by construction workers and officials, who had to break part of the vessel to reach him.

Of the 39 passengers and two crew members who embarked on the last cruise ride that day around 5.20 p.m., 13 people, including eight women and four children, drowned. The rest were rescued by workers of a nearby private construction company, along with rescue teams that arrived shortly after. The incident occurred about 100 metres from the shore.

Trapped beneath the river

Over the past week, several videos of the incident have emerged online, providing glimpses of the tragedy. One clip captures the moments just before the boat overturned, with two men tearing open life jacket packets while others remain inside an already flooding cabin. Another shows survivors floating in the water, trying to reach the shore amid high waves.

Survivors and officials say that those who managed to jump out of the cruise from the deck or through windows survived the tragedy, while most of the passengers trapped beneath the vessel died, as the life jackets were unable to bring them to the surface.

Marina Messi, 39, along with her husband Pradeep, two children – Siya and Trishaan – and her parents had come to Jabalpur from the Delhi cantonment area to attend a family function on April 29. Before their return, they decided to take the cruise. Three members of the family are dead: Marina's mother Madhu Messi, 62; Marina, who was found trapped beneath the vessel in a life jacket, and her four-year-old son Trishaan, whom she was embracing.

Julius Messi, Marina's 65-year-old father, says, "Everything transpired within minutes so nobody had time to react."

Most families have expressed anger over the lack of preparedness on the cruise in the event of an emergency, while also alleging negligence on the part of the crew. Cruise operator Mahesh Patel and boatman Chhotalal Gond are facing the most ire as survivors allege that they were of "no help" during the tragedy.

> We managed to get life jackets but that was not enough. There were no instructions. The authorities cannot just throw jackets at us at the last minute.
>
> **RAKHI SONI**
> Sister of Neetu Soni who died in the tragedy

They also allege that the passengers were not given any instructions before the ride on how to respond in case of an emergency, and that there were no jackets for children.

Julius explains what happened when the situation turned bad: "Pradeep and I started distributing life jackets to the passengers. There was no help from the crew. Some people could not get jackets, while some could not wear them properly. Since we could not find a kids-sized jacket, my daughter covered Trishaan in her jacket. I got out to look for a way to escape, but before I could return, the boat overturned and Marina and my wife got stuck in the lower portion of it."

Rakhi Soni, 41, lost her sister, Neetu Soni, 43, and her four-year-old nephew, Viraj. Seven members of the family, all residents of Jabalpur's Kotwali area, had gone for an outing to experience the breezy weather. Viraj's body was found on the last day of the search operation on May 3.

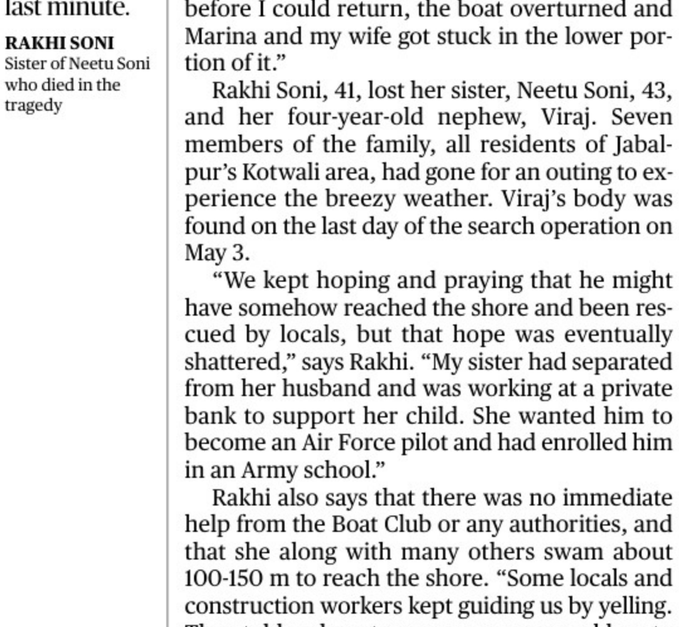
"We kept hoping and praying that he might have somehow reached the shore and been rescued by locals, but that hope was eventually shattered," says Rakhi. "My sister had separated from her husband and was working at a private bank to support her child. She wanted him to become an Air Force pilot and had enrolled him in an Army school."

Rakhi also says that there was no immediate help from the Boat Club or any authorities, and that she along with many others swam about 100-150 m to reach the shore. "Some locals and construction workers kept guiding us by yelling. They told us how to move our arms and legs to help us swim. We managed to get life jackets but that was not enough. There were no instructions. The authorities cannot just throw jackets at us at the last minute," she says.

Ramzan Sheikh, 22, a migrant labourer from West Bengal's Murshidabad, was among the first to spot the sinking vessel from a construction site near the shore. "A colleague was shooting a video of the dam when he spotted the ship. We immediately reached the shoreline (marked by a cliff about 25 feet high) but we had no clue what to do. The weather was really bad," he says.

Ramzan and his colleagues initially guided the passengers by shouting instructions and helped them navigate their way towards the shore by throwing ropes. About half an hour later, as the first responders from the Boat Club arrived, he along with a few others jumped into the cold water wearing life jackets, along with the rescuers.

"When we spotted a man [Riyaz] stuck under the ship, two locals and I entered the water with the rescuers. We used some of our construction tools to break that part of the ship and got him out," he says.



Riyaz Hussain Sayyed, 72, a survivor of the Jabalpur cruise tragedy, shows a photo he took with his family members on the deck of the vessel just a few minutes before the tragedy. A.M. FARUQUI

A challenging operation

While rescuing the survivors was challenging enough due to persisting winds, high waves, and the overturned cruise that had trapped some, recovering the bodies proved to be a tougher task. It forced the authorities to carry out searches in large areas of the reservoir for nearly three days until the last body was found on May 3 morning.

The rescue operation involved special divers of the Indian Army, called in from Uttar Pradesh's Agra and Telangana's Hyderabad; personnel of the National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Emergency Response Force; local police and home guard; as well as local fishermen. Heavy machinery and equipment such as cranes and excavators were used to pull the vessel out of the water and look for people trapped under it.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav deployed ministers and senior officials to oversee search and rescue efforts. He visited the spot on May 1 and ordered a high-level investigation into the incident. He formed a four-member committee, headed by the Additional Chief Secretary (Home), and directed it to submit its report within 15 days. The State and Union governments also announced financial assistance for the victims' families, while Yadav said that workers and locals who assisted in the rescue would be rewarded.

The services of cruise operator Assistant Skipper Patel and boatman Gond, who were onboard, as well as ticket counter in-charge Brijendra, were terminated for negligence during and after the tragedy. Sunil Maravi, manager of Hotel Maikal Resort and Bargi Boat Club, was also suspended for negligence, while MPSTDC regional manager Sanjay Malhotra was attached to the headquarters and a departmental inquiry was initiated against him. The operations at the boat club remain suspended.

A local court in Jabalpur took suo-motu cognizance of the tragedy. Taking note of media reports that alleged that Patel "abandoned" the passengers and escaped, the court directed the local police to lodge a case against him and other concerned persons.

Officials also say that a lack of communication from the crew and the ticket counter in-charge after the tragedy led to confusion during the rescue efforts. "After getting out of water, they did not inform the authorities about the number of passengers onboard," says a senior government official. "A total of 29 tickets were sold for the ride, and 10 others were allowed as complimentary entries. While this is the standard practice for children, the lack of communication led to confusion during the rescue operation. We only calculated the actual numbers by looking at CCTV footage."

On May 7, officials of the district administration recorded the statements of the survivors, eyewitnesses and the crew, as part of the Chief Minister-ordered investigation.

Patel denies all the charges and claims that he was the last one to jump out of the cruise. "There were no winds when we started the journey and it got stormy all of a sudden. As the winds grew stronger, I started turning back the vessel but two back-to-back strong waves hit the vessel and it started overturning mid-turn. Before that I had asked the boatman to distribute the jackets kept in a storeroom," says Patel, a resident of Ghullapaat village near the dam.

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> **MAHESH PATEL**
> Cruise operator

Patel joined the Boat Club as a boatman in 2009 and has been operating the cruise since 2014 after becoming an Assistant Skipper. "We have never been responsible for giving instructions before passengers come on board, and nobody ever told us it was required. We have been operating the cruise for years, and this has been the standard practice," he says.

The boatman, Gond, says everyone was in a panic. He says he was trying to calm the passengers and distribute life jackets. "There was very little time so we did whatever we could," he says.

A group of boatmen and operators from the Bargi Boat Club also submitted a complaint to Jabalpur Collector Raghvendra Singh saying that the confusion in the number of passengers is often caused by VIPs and their guests who come without tickets, and that there were some onboard that day as well.

Dismantling the vessel

Several questions have also been raised about the vessel's condition and whether it was fit to sail in adverse weather. Survivors have criticised the authorities' decision to dismantle it just days after the tragedy and before the investigation was completed, raising suspicions about the possible loss of crucial evidence.

A twin-hull catamaran cruise boat, the vessel was purchased in 2006 from a Hyderabad-based firm which has also been responsible for its maintenance and repair. It had a capacity of 90 passengers, according to officials. Its dismantled wreckage now lies on the shore.

Authorities, however, have denied both allegations, stating that the mechanical parts of the cruise remain at the site and that the investigation team will carry out a thorough inspection.

Singh says,"It is a 17-18 tonne vessel. It had become heavier due to water. It was broken so that it could be moved from there."

Rajendra Nigam, a retired Indian Navy Commander, working with MPSTDC as an advisor for water and adventure tourism, says some thought there would still be a few bodies trapped in the vessel's bays or some of its parts. "That is why they checked it completely to be sure," he says.

Nigam also says that the vessel was undergoing maintenance regularly with the last one taking place in 2024. "Its life had increased by 10 years after the last repair. There was no technical or mechanical fault with the vessel. The cruise model had been designed by the certified naval architects at the National Ship Design and Research Centre, Visakhapatnam," he explains.

Nigam adds that the assistant skippers and the boatmen working on the vessel received training at the National Institute of Water Sports in Goa every two years. "But this was an unprecedented situation. Nobody could do much," he says.

Lack of protocols and enforcement

Adventure tourism activities in the State are governed by the tourism department, based on the Indian Adventure Tourism Guidelines, 2018, of the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India, approved by the Union Ministry of Tourism.

Under the subhead for river cruising, section 26.9 mandates that a "comprehensive safety briefing must be given on boarding the vessel where all emergency drills are explained/demonstrated. Pictorial demonstrations, usage of life vests, muster stations for boarding lifeboats etc must be explained in detail".

Madhya Pradesh is yet to form and notify its own rules for inland vessels operations despite the Inland Vessels Act, to promote economical and safe transportation and trade through inland waters, being passed in Parliament in 2021. Kerala, Gujarat, and Goa, among others, have their own rules.

Officials say that before forming its own rules, Madhya Pradesh needs to establish a maritime board. "There have been discussions on the matter but a consensus is yet to be reached about whether it will be governed by the tourism or transport department. The matter has been mainly stuck due to this," says an official. Nigam says the process is now expected to accelerate in the wake of the tragedy and that the rules "should be framed within six months."

Experts blame lack of enforcement of rules and guidelines for slow responses and lack of preparedness during such incidents.

N. Unni, former director of the Inland Waterways Authority of India, says that in several countries, a detailed and mandatory instruction session is conducted before they let you onboard. "This is missing in our country," he says.

He also questions the formation of probe committees or judicial commissions in the aftermath of such tragedies. "How will a judicial commission or an official committee probe a technical subject? Sometimes, such bodies fail to finish their probe for years and the issue is forgotten unless another tragedy occurs. We need experts investigating the causes of such tragedies and we need governments, both Central and State, to act seriously on their recommendations to prevent such incidents in future," he says.

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Uncertainty continues over T.N. govt. formation

Earlier, following back-to-back meetings, the CPI (M) and CPI State leaders P. Shanmugam and M. Veerapandian cited the constitutional necessity of forming a government by May 10 to prevent the imposition of President's Rule. "If a government is not in place by the 10th, the State faces President's Rule, which effectively means the BJP ruling through the back door," Mr. Shanmugam said.

He criticised the Governor for not inviting the TVK to form the government, calling the insistence on the "magic number" of 118 "illegal and anti-democratic." The Left parties confirmed they will support the TVK to form the government "from the outside". Mr. Shanmugam also clarified that they remain aligned with the DMK in the broader struggle to protect State rights.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Congress MLAs have been camping in Hyderabad. A senior functionary of the Congress confirmed to *The Hindu* about the five MLAs camping in the city. They are likely to return after the political uncertainty ends.

Cong. likely to name Kerala CM tomorrow

Meanwhile, the accidental disclosure of a part of a document purportedly showing a list of "yes" votes from new Congress party MLAs supposedly backing Mr. Venugopal, published in a newspaper on Friday, caused political embarrassment. However, AICC observers Mukul Wasnik and Ajay Maken questioned the "legitimacy" of the document.

Notably, Mr. Joseph, who, as per the "questionable" document surreptitiously captured by a lensman, appeared to back Mr. Venugopal, told reporters that "numbers meant everything in parliamentary politics".

His statement assumed some significance against the backdrop of reports that a majority of Congress MLA-designates had backed Mr. Venugopal for the "top post". The "list" shows the allegedly raging power struggles in Congress over the Chief Minister's post.

Notably, UDF allies have repeatedly expressed apprehensions that the "vexatious" selection process would carve up the Congress and, by extension, the alliance.

Suvendu Adhikari to take oath as Bengal CM

"We will ensure the security of women, instil nationalism and make West Bengal the country's cultural capital again," Mr. Adhikari added.

Mr. Adhikari contested and won from both Nandigram and Bhabanipur in the recently concluded Assembly election. He defeated former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in Bhabanipur by a margin of 15,115 votes.

Hailing from Purba Medinipur district, Mr. Adhikari had served as a Cabinet Minister in Ms. Banerjee's government from 2016 to 2020. Mr. Adhikari defected to the BJP from the Trinamool in December 2020. His elevation also marks a significant development in West Bengal politics as the State will get a Chief Minister from its rural heartland after almost 55 years.

When addressing the MLAs-elect, Mr. Adhikari said his first task will be to fulfil the guarantees announced by Mr. Modi during the election campaign. He also announced plans for probes into allegations of corruption and crimes against women during the previous Trinamool regime. "A commission headed by a retired judge will investigate all corruption cases. Commissions will also probe incidents of atrocities against women and the guilty will be punished," Mr. Adhikari said.

U.S. court strikes down Trump's 10% tariff

The CIT, in a 2-1 decision, ruled that, although the U.S. Congress had originally passed Section 122 to give the President the authority to address balance of payments deficits, this did not include the trade deficit and current account deficits cited by Mr. Trump when he levied the 10% tariff.

The court ordered the U.S. government to stop collecting the tariff from the plaintiffs – Washington State, spice importer Burlap & Barrel, and toy maker Basic Fun! – and to refund the amount collected. It stopped short, however, of ordering the same for all U.S. importers.

"The CIT did not issue a universal injunction or give relief to anyone other than the named plaintiffs," Peter E. Harrell, visiting scholar at Georgetown Law School's Institute of International Economic Law, said in a social media post following the ruling. "Other companies may well now decide to sue, though many will probably hold off while this decision winds its way through the appeals process," Mr. Harrell noted.

Impact on deal

Sources in the government said the CIT ruling strengthened India's negotiating position with regard to the Interim Agreement on trade between India and the U.S., as well as a larger Bilateral Trade Agreement between the two countries. However, they added that the matter was too nascent for any real impact to be felt on negotiations.

Bangladesh failed to give 'actionable response': India

In diplomatic note, New Delhi says it sent over 1,000 messages to Dhaka on repatriation of illegal immigrants since 2020, but the neighbouring country has not extended necessary cooperation

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India has sent over a 1,000 diplomatic notes (notes verbale) and 456 "consolidated reminders" to Dhaka since September 2020 regarding the repatriation of suspected illegal Bangladeshi immigrants but has not received "an actionable response", a diplomatic document has stated.

The numbers were mentioned in the note verbale that the External Affairs Ministry sent to Dhaka on April 30, hours after the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh summoned the Indian envoy to protest against remarks made by Assam's then Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Mr. Sarma had claimed in a media interview that under his government, Indian border guards were "pushing in" suspected Bangladeshi individuals through unguarded parts of the land border.

BSF personnel patrol along the fence on the India-Bangladesh border in Golakganj in Assam. FILE PHOTO

"It is of note that over 1,137 Notes Verbale seeking nationality verification and 456 consolidated reminders have been sent in this period," the Ministry said in the diplomatic note of April 30, which *The Hindu* has reviewed.

2,862 cases

"A majority of these communications have not received an actionable response," it said, adding that "Since September 2020 Bangladesh has not extended the necessary cooperation to India for nationality verification of over 2,862 cases of illegal Bangladeshis in India..."

It said "all measures undertaken by the Government of India for the repatriation of illegal Bangladeshi nationals are in adherence to Indian laws and procedures, in tandem with established bilateral arrangements".

The Indian allegation of illegal Bangladeshi immigration was spotlighted on Thursday when Randhir Jaiswal, the spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry, referred to the matter as the "core issue" in bilateral ties.

"These comments must be seen in the context of the core issue of repatriation of illegal Bangladeshis from India. This requires cooperation from Bangladesh. Over 2,862 cases of nationality verification are pending with Bangladesh, some for over five years," Mr. Jaiswal said during a weekly press briefing.

He was responding to remarks by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman and Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed who had said that Dhaka would take "adequate measures" if attempts at "push in" from the Indian side were to take place, especially against the backdrop of the victory of the BJP in the elections in West Bengal and Assam.

Census enumerator ID can be verified through QR code

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Census enumerators have been given identity cards with QR codes to enable residents to verify authenticity, says Lalit Jain, Director of Census Operations (DCO), Haryana, amid resistance from several high-end gated societies to grant access to enumerators.

In an interview with *The Hindu* on Friday, Mr. Jain said, "We understand that there may be some apprehension in their [residents] minds that maybe people [enumerators] are not genuine. Now, we have introduced the scan code enabled identity cards. Any person who has any doubt about the authenticity of our enumerator can scan the code on the ID card for verification."

On December 2, 2025, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs informed Parliament that according to Section 8(2) of the Census Act, 1948, every resident is "legally bound" to answer Census-related questions to the best of her/his knowledge or belief.

"We have requested the presidents of the RWA (residents welfare associations) to allow us to enter, because Census ultimately is a nation building exercise, and it is to the benefit of everybody that we enumerate and we get to know the basic data about our population," Mr. Jain said.

Allaying concerns

He added that "stranger anxiety" and apprehension about sharing personal data could be the reasons behind the resistance.

"Data we are asking for is not something which is very, very personal. We are just asking people whether they have drinking water supply in their homes, whether they have toilets. And secondly, they need not worry because whatever data they give is secure with us. We will not share this data with anybody. Moreover, this data will not lead to any documentation, and it cannot be used against you," he said.

SC says it's 'shy' to direct arrest in Anil Ambani's ADAG case

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Nine regular cases have been lodged against Reliance ADAG entities, led by Anil Ambani

The Supreme Court on Friday said it has always been "extremely shy" to direct arrest even as petitioners asked why agencies have so far not arrested "kingpin" Anil Ambani in an alleged financial fraud case. The court said arrest must be the last resort, and not the first option.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Mr. Ambani, said "he may have been cheated too", even as a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) report pegged losses to public sector banks and LIC in seven cases at ₹27,337 crore.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for CBI, said a total of nine regular cases were lodged against Reliance ADAG entities, led by Anil Ambani, of which seven were under investigation while chargesheets were filed in the remaining two.

Mr. Mehta informed the court that 31 look-out circulars were issued and over 224 witnesses were examined. He said searches were conducted at the premises of the ADAG promoters and directors. Two arrests were made, and "few more arrests were expected... as evidence surfaces".

Advocate Prashant Bhushan questioned why Mr. Ambani had not been arrested yet. Justice Bagchi said the need for custodial interrogation was the prerogative of the investigating agency.

Operation Sindoor is a symbol of India's new military ethos: Minister

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday described Operation Sindoor as a defining example of India's swift, precise, and joint military response capability, asserting that the operation had demonstrated the country's ability to compel its adversary to surrender.

Addressing the second edition of the Joint Commanders' Conference in Jaipur, the Defence Minister termed Operation Sindoor a "short-duration, deep-penetration, high-intensity, and high-impact operation" that reflected India's growing military capabilities and national resolve.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with CDS General Anil Chauhan, and heads of services at the joint commanders' conference in Jaipur. PTI

Future warfare

Calling on the Commanders of the three Services to remain future-ready, Mr. Singh said the armed forces must continuously adapt to evolving global security challenges and learn from recent operational experiences.

The conference, on the theme of 'Military Capability in New Domains', focused extensively on future warfare, multidomain operations, cyber resilience, artificial intelligence, and other emerging technologies shaping modern battlefields.

Highlighting the changing nature of warfare, the Defence Minister stressed that future conflicts would increasingly involve hybrid threats, information dominance, and simultaneous operations across cyber, space, electromagnetic, and cognitive domains.

Integration is key

He underlined the importance of strengthening capabilities in artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, data analytics, and secure communication networks to maintain operational superiority.

"Future wars will not be won solely through weaponry, but through innovative thinking and enhanced synergy," he said.

Mr. Singh also emphasised the greater integration among the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

The Defence Minister also urged military commanders to cultivate the "element of surprise" to remain unpredictable to adversaries while ensuring preparedness against enemy actions.

During the conference, Mr. Singh released a documentary film on Operation Sindoor, the Hindi version of Vision 2047.

The Defence Minister also released the Joint Doctrine for Integrated Communication Architecture aimed at enhancing interoperability and integrated communications across the armed forces.

Minister intended to 'praise' Col. Sofiya but he could not articulate it: M.P. govt. to SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The State of Madhya Pradesh on Friday told the Supreme Court that State Minister Kunwar Vijay Shah had intended to "praise" Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, but could not articulate himself properly.

Mr. Shah is accused of making disparaging remarks against the Army officer, who had briefed the media during Operation Sindoor.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the State of Madhya Pradesh, submitted, "I am not justifying anything... But he possibly wanted to praise the lady... He had tendered an apology. He could not articulate and he wanted to praise... It is unfortunate."

Kunwar Vijay Shah

Chief Justice Kant responded that it was "most unfortunate". "We know that when a political personality wants to praise, how well they can do it. If he wanted to apologise, he should have done it immediately," the Chief Justice told Mr. Mehta.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for Mr. Shah, said a public apology had been issued the next day. Chief Justice Kant observed that the apology came only after the court took cognisance of the matter. He said the apology appeared to be part of a "fake defence".

Mr. Singh submitted that Mr. Shah had apologised on television.

Justice Joymalya Bagchi said a January 19, 2026 order had referred to "some earlier instances" involving Mr. Shah. These instances, however, were not investigated by the Special Investigation Team.

The Bench said the State must comply with its directions in the January 19 order, including taking a decision on the grant of prior sanction for prosecution. Mr. Mehta said the sanction request was pending with the State government.

The court listed the case for hearing after four weeks, by which time the State has been asked to file a compliance report.

No Lakhimpur Kheri witnesses examined in past 3 months: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bench said no reason was given as to why the witnesses were not being produced in court

The Supreme Court on Friday recorded disappointment at the non-production of witnesses in the trial of Ashish Mishra, son of former Union minister Ajay Mishra, and others in the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence case.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, after perusing a status report filed by the State of Uttar Pradesh, said no witnesses had been examined in the trial in the past two to three months.

The court noted that the State had identified 208 witnesses, pruning their number to 131. The State counsel said 44 witnesses were examined, 15 were discharged and 72 witnesses were yet to be produced. The Bench said no reason was given in the status report as to why the witnesses were not being produced in court for trial.

The case deals with an incident on October 3, 2021 when an SUV, which was part of Mishra's convoy, allegedly mowed down protestors, including four farmers, protesting the controversial agriculture laws in the Lakhimpur Kheri district.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the victims' families, said the local police were hand-in-glove with the accused persons. Mr. Bhushan said efforts have been allegedly made on behalf of the accused, through threats and inducements, to not cooperate in the proceedings.

CBI files chargesheet in housing fraud case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a chargesheet against Shubhkamna Buildtech Private Limited and its directors for alleged fraudulent activities relating to a housing project in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

According to the CBI, its probe revealed that the accused builder company and its directors induced homebuyers and investors through misleading representations and deceptive promises, thereby dishonestly obtaining financial gains while causing wrongful loss to the victims.

"The chargesheet has been filed under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code pertaining to criminal conspiracy, cheating, criminal breach of trust and abetment," the agency said on Friday.

BJP's win in Bengal plugs a big hole in national security: Shah

The party now has a government in every State from 'Gangotri to Gangasagar'; infiltration and cow-smuggling will become 'impossible' in West Bengal after the party's victory, says Union Home Minister while addressing legislators in Kolkata

Shiv Sahay Singh
Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the West Bengal Assembly election was not only significant from electoral and ideological points of view, but from the aspect of national security as well. The victory plugs "one of the biggest holes" in national security, he said.

"We now have governments in Assam, Tripura and Bengal. Infiltration and cattle-smuggling will become impossible. The Central and State governments will work together to turn the border into an 'impenetrable fortress' for national security," Mr. Shah said, while addressing newly elected legislators of the BJP in Kolkata.

The BJP leadership had highlighted illegal infiltration from Bangladesh as a major issue in the Assembly election. India shares a 4,096-km border with Bangladesh, of which more than half – 2,216 km – lies in West Bengal.

Spirited reception: Union Minister Amit Shah receives a warm welcome upon his arrival at the airport in Kolkata on Friday. ANI

During his address, the Home Minister, who presided over the BJP Legislature Party meeting, emphasised that the victory was not only about the BJP's expansion and about the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance forming a government in its 21st State. "The BJP promises the people of Bengal and the country that we will identify and remove every infiltrator from India. And let me say from this stage – people who call this polarisation are mistaken. This is not about polarisation. This is about national security," Mr. Shah said.

"The biggest importance of this victory is that it plugs one of the biggest holes in India's national security. Now, infiltration and cow-smuggling will become impossible in West Bengal," Mr. Shah said.

Ideological significance

The Home Minister, who led the party's election campaign in West Bengal along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also spoke about the ideological significance of the victory.

"The victory in West Bengal is significant because after 100 years of ideological continuity, we have a government from every State from Gangotri to Gangasagar. I feel that Syama Prasad Mookerjee would bless the Narendra Modi government from where he is now," he said.

Mookerjee, founder of the Jana Sangh, the ideological precursor of the BJP, hailed from West Bengal. The Home Minister also referred to the 150th year of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's *Vande Mataram*, saying the BJP forming the government in the novelist's State was "a huge sign".

Reflecting on the party's journey in West Bengal, Mr. Shah said while it was a three-MLA party in 2016, it won 77 seats in 2021 and 207 in 2026. "I cannot forget that 321 BJP party workers had to lay down their lives for this journey. I have travelled all across the country, but have never seen such violence, except in Kerala and West Bengal," he added.

The Home Minister said that the average margin of victory of BJP legislators was 28,000 votes and in nine of the 23 districts, former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress drew a blank.

"I have never seen such a mandate, particularly when the party is in Opposition. West Bengal has witnessed 93% voting and no allegation of booth capturing was made even by the Trinamool. I want to thank the voters of Bhabanipur, where Suvendu Adhikari defeated Mamata Banerjee," he added. Mr. Adhikari was appointed as the leader of the BJP Legislature Party on Friday in the presence of Mr. Shah.

Killers of Suvendu's aide at large; post-poll violence continues in West Bengal

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

The assassins of Chandranath Rath, the personal assistant to BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari, are still at large two days after the murder, even as more incidents of post-poll violence have been reported from across West Bengal.

Gathering evidence: CID officials inspecting the spot where Chandranath Rath was shot dead in North 24 Parganas district. PTI

Probe under way

The police have recovered a second motorcycle used by the killers to escape. Another motorcycle and a car, both with fake registration plates, have already been seized. The police suspect that local criminals may have provided information to the killers, who shot Rath dead from a point-blank range at Madhyamgram in North 24 Parganas, while he was in a car. Rath was shot three times and was declared dead in a hospital.

While forensic experts collected samples from the crime scene, they did not find any fingerprints in the car used by the assassins, sources said.

However, the police have recovered CCTV footage from the place. Sources said one unit of the Special Investigation Team has gone to Uttar Pradesh to trace connections of the killers. The Additional Director-General, CID, and the Director-General of BSF inspected the scene of the crime in the Doharia locality of Madhyamgram.

Violence continues

Crude bomb blasts were reported from the Panihati constituency, the police said on Thursday. At least five BJP workers were injured and are undergoing treatment.

Ratna Debnath, the mother of R.G. Kar victim, won from the Panihati constituency on BJP ticket. "A blast happened here, but it was a little far away from my home. Two people were severely injured, and total seven were admitted to hospital," Ms. Debnath said.

Blasts have been reported from the Sibpur area in Howrah, and visuals went viral on social media.

Both the Trinamool Congress and the BJP said they have each lost three party workers in the violence. Arson, vandalism, and clashes have been reported from multiple parts of the State since May 4, the day results were out.

DMK seeks change in Lok Sabha seating arrangement

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

DMK Parliamentary Party leader Kanimozhi has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seeking suitable changes in the seating arrangement of DMK members in the House in view of the changed political circumstances.

"As our alliance with the Indian National Congress has come to an end, it may not be appropriate for our members to continue occupying the present seating arrangement alongside them in the House," she said in the letter.

Ms. Kanimozhi requested separate seating arrangements for the DMK members to enable them to effectively discharge their parliamentary responsibilities.

BJP spokesperson from Manipur quits over ethnic conflict

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Bharatiya Janata Party's Manipur unit spokesperson, Elangbam Johnson, resigned from the party on Friday due to the party leadership's alleged failure to resolve the ongoing ethnic crisis in the State.

Mr. Johnson, who unsuccessfully contested the 2022 Assembly election from the Keishamthong constituency, said in Imphal that he had consulted his supporters before deciding to quit the party. He said the BJP was unable to convince people since May 2023 that it could usher in peace.

The conflict between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities broke out on May 3, 2023, claiming more than 260 lives and displacing some 62,000 others over the past three years.

Mr. Johnson criticised the BJP's Manipur unit for its "inability to take decisions independently on matters concerning the State" and act decisively on them. He alleged that the State unit lacked the power to make decisions even on disciplinary matters. He was associated with the United Committee Manipur, a civil society organisation, before joining politics.

Several parties in Manipur and social organisations have condemned the May 7 attacks on Tangkhul Naga villages along the India-Myanmar border, allegedly by members of the militant group Kuki National Army-Burma.

SC criticises Punjab govt. over drug menace

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday criticised the Punjab government and authorities for their inability to bring the drug problem in the State to heel.

Chief Justice Surya Kant, heading a Bench comprising Justice Joymalya Bagchi, said drug abuse and trafficking continue unabated as only small peddlers were caught while none dared to lay a hand on the big fish.

The Chief Justice narrated a recent incident involving a mother who lost all her five sons to drug addiction. "She lost her fifth son to drugs. The police need to be sensitised," the CJI said. "The bigger sharks or influential ones should be arrested," he said.

Only Congress party can defeat BJP in the battle of ideologies, says Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Friday said only the Congress could defeat the BJP, calling the contest a clash between the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's "ideology of hatred and partition" and the Congress's "ideology of love and unity".

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi at a gathering during the Sadbhav Yatra in Gurugram on Friday. ANI

"This is a battle of ideologies. Other parties cannot take them on. Ultimately, only the Congress will stand against them and defeat them. The Congress will defeat Amit Shah and [Narendra] Modi," the Congress leader told a cheering crowd on Khandsa Road during former MP Brijendra Singh's "Sadbhav Yatra." Mr. Gandhi's presence at the padayatra was marked by a show of unity in the faction-ridden Haryana unit.

The Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president Rao Narender Singh, Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, and Rajya Sabha member Randeep Surjewala joined him on stage.

Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leader accused him of attacking the democratic system and Ambedkar's Constitution, vowing the Congress would not forget it.

EC publishes Index Cards for Assembly elections

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Friday published Index Cards and Statistical Reports for the recently concluded Assembly elections in four States and one Union Territory.

According to data made available in the public domain through the EC website and the ECINET app, total votes polled in West Bengal were 6,38,42,843, of which 6,32,58,138 were valid. In Assam, the corresponding figures were 2,16,84,656 and 2,13,97,936.

The turnout of women voters in West Bengal was 93.8%, slightly higher than the 92.06% for men. In Assam, women's turnout was recorded at 86.53%, marginally exceeding the 84.95% of men.

Tamil Nadu polled 4,93,89,958 votes and 4,91,24,329 were valid, while in Kerala, 2,16,30,208 votes were polled and 2,14,71,988 were valid. Women voters recorded a turnout of 86.2% in Tamil Nadu, higher than the 83.77% among men.

In Kerala, women voter participation stood at 81.17% as against 74.9% among men.

The Union Territory of Puducherry saw 8,66,932 votes being cast, of which 8,59,506 were valid.

NOTA option

The percentage of voters opting for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) was the highest in Assam at 1.23% and lowest in Tamil Nadu at 0.4%.

This round of Assembly elections also saw extensive mobilisation of electoral infrastructure. West Bengal had the highest number of polling stations at 85,092, followed by Tamil Nadu with 75,064 and Assam with 31,490.

The Index Cards contain data across multiple dimensions, such as candidates, electors, votes polled, votes counted, party-wise and candidate-wise votes polled, etc.

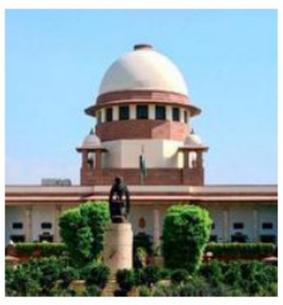
SC seeks Centre's response on plea against blocking of AAP Gujarat unit's Meta accounts

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from the Union government on a petition filed by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) challenging an "illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional" order to geo-block and suspend the Meta handles of the national party's Gujarat unit without giving any prior reasons, hearing or notice.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant issued notice to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the State of Gujarat on the petition filed by the party, which said the move was intended to "silence an Opposition party and is opposed to multi-party democracy".

The AAP, represented by senior advocate Shadan Farasat, said the Gujarat



unit's Meta accounts @aapgujarat (on Instagram and Facebook) have functioned as official handles for political commentaries, dissemination of party policies and welfare-related information.

"They were used as legitimate platforms for political speech and democratic engagement, which fall squarely within the protection of Article 19 of the Constitution. Any action that has the effect of silencing or disproportionately restricting the voices of Opposition parties strikes at the heart of constitutional democracy and is liable to be scrutinised as a violation of the basic structure doctrine," the AAP said.

Mr. Farasat said a direction to block an entire account/page/group would amount to a prior restraint on free speech. He said the burden was on the Union government and the State to justify the prior restraint. The AAP said it was not informed of any specific content alleged to be objectionable or the statutory provision which was relied upon for blocking the accounts, or the factual factors.

The blocking of the entire Meta accounts without any specific content-based identification, is disproportionate and manifestly beyond the scope of Article 19(2) and the powers under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act...," the petition submitted.

Congress slams Modi govt. over women's safety citing NCRB data

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday sharpened its attack on the Narendra Modi government over women's safety and rising crime against vulnerable sections, with party president Mallikarjun Kharge alleging that 12 years of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rule had exposed the "hollowness" of the Centre's claims on law and order, and women's safety.

In a post on *X*, Mr. Kharge said the government's narrative on women's safety stood contradicted by official data. Citing the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2024 report, the Congress chief said crimes against women had risen by 42.6% since 2013. Referring to the same data set, he said crimes against children had gone up by 204.6%, atrocities against Dalits by 41.3%, and crimes against Adivasis by 46.7%.

Mounting criticism: AIMC President Alka Lamba addresses a press conference at the AICC headquarters, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

He said the NCRB data pointed that cybercrime had surged by 1,689% and 10,546 farmers, 52,931 daily wage labourers and 14,488 students died by suicide in 2024.

"Twelve years of the Modi government have exposed the hollowness of its claims on law and order and women's safety," Mr. Kharge said, adding that the "truth" was now before the country.

The remarks came as the NCRB's 2024 report recorded an increase in cases involving juveniles in conflict with the law and crimes against senior citizens. A total of 34,878 cases were registered against juveniles in 2024, an increase of 11.2% over the previous year, while crimes against senior citizens rose by 16.9% to 32,602 cases.

Separately, All India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba accused the BJP of using 'Beti Bachao' and 'Nari Vandan' merely as political slogans while failing to ensure justice for women.

Addressing a press conference, Ms. Lamba cited NCRB figures and said that 42,85,888 cases of crimes against women were registered between 2014 and 2024 during the Modi government's tenure.

"These are not just statistics, but more than 42 lakh women and girls struggling for justice," she said, alleging that annual crimes against women rose from 3.4 lakh in 2014 to nearly 4.42 lakh in 2024.

Ms. Lamba said that BJP governments were shielding the accused instead of punishing them, and referred to cases in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Bihar to accuse the ruling party of protecting influential leaders.

She demanded that NCRB data on crimes against women be discussed during the Monsoon Session of Parliament.

INBRIEF

DRDO, IAF conduct maiden trial of TARA glide weapon

The Defence Research and Development Organisation and the Indian Air Force have conducted the maiden flight-trial of the Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) weapon system off the coast of Odisha on Thursday. TARA is India's first indigenous glide weapon system capable of converting conventional unguided warheads into precision-guided weapons for accurately engaging ground-based targets. According to the Ministry of Defence, the modular range extension kit has been designed and developed by Research Centre Imarat along with other DRDO laboratories. It is aimed at improving the range and lethality of low-cost aerial weapons.

SC takes cognisance of judge sending advocate to custody

The Supreme Court on Friday took cognisance of a representation made by the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) about a video footage showing an Andhra Pradesh High Court judge sending a young advocate to a day's judicial custody for a procedural lapse. The court's official website showed the case tentatively listed for hearing on May 15. The SCBA had urged Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, in a resolution passed on May 6, to look into the incident while expressing shock at the judge's reported conduct. The Bar Council of India had also sought an urgent intervention of the Chief Justice in the same matter.

HC to pass order protecting Tharoor's personality rights

The Delhi High Court on Friday said it will pass an interim order to protect personality rights of Shashi Tharoor, after the Congress MP moved court seeking removal of deepfake videos of him circulating online falsely attributing statements to him that he never made. The court also issued notices to defendants in suit including social media platforms such as X and Meta. Senior advocate Amit Sibal, appearing for Mr. Tharoor, submitted that there were three specific deepfake videos in circulation and that recourse had already been taken by notifying the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, and the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Delhi.

TCS case: AIMIM corporator booked for hiding Nida Khan

Nida Khan, one of the accused in alleged sexual exploitation and forcible conversion at the Tata Consultancy Services office in Nashik, was sent to police custody till May 11 by a Nashik court on Friday. Ms. Khan was earlier arrested by the Nashik police in a joint operation with the Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Police. The police have also booked an All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) corporator from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on the charge of harbouring Ms. Khan while she absconded from the law. The Nashik court allowed Ms. Khan to meet her mother twice a day while in police custody, on the grounds of her early pregnancy.

MGNREGS scale, workdays fell in 2025-26, finds study

Despite rise in registered households, employment generation has dropped, leading to an average income loss of ₹1,221 for each household; 40% fewer households completed 100 days of work

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NEW DELHI

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) saw a sharp contraction in its scale and reach in 2025-26, according to a report on the final operational year of the scheme introduced by the Congress-led UPA regime.

The report points to a paradoxical trend in which the number of registered households rose marginally, but fewer households and workers found employment, total workdays declined significantly, and fewer families completed the guaranteed 100 days of work.

The report was released by the NREGA Sangharsh Morcha, a coalition of non-profit bodies working with MGNREGS workers, and was prepared by LibTech India, a consortium of academics and activists.

LibTech estimates that the contraction resulted in an average income loss of ₹1,221 for each MGNREGS household during the financial year.

The new rural employement scheme, Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Act, is set to replace MGNREGS. PTI

Uncertain transition

The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, which was passed in Parliament last December, is expected to come into force soon, replacing MGNREGS. The Union government has allocated only ₹30,000 crore for MGNREGS for the transitional period. This decline is deeply worrying, the NREGA Sangarsh Morcha said, especially since the new employment scheme was brought in with no public consultation. "The employment guarantee programmes play a critical role in rural livelihood security and any major restructuring of such programmes must involve meaningful consultation," it said in a statement.

Fewer working days

The number of registered households under the scheme increased by 3.2%, from 14.98 crore in 2024-25 to 15.46 crore in 2025-26. However, this did not translate into greater employment. The report notes that 44 lakh fewer households and 67 lakh fewer workers were employed compared to the previous year, representing declines of 8.2% and 9.1% respectively.

The number of persondays of work generated under the programme fell sharply by 21.5%, from 268.44 crore in 2024-25 to 210.73 crore in 2025-26. Average persondays per household dropped by 14.5%, from 50.18 to 42.92. The impact of this decline is evident in the sharp fall in the number of households completing the full 100 days of guaranteed employment, which declined by 40.5%, from 0.37 crore to 0.22 crore.

The contraction was geographically widespread. Fifteen out of 20 States recorded a fall in persondays during the year. West Bengal generated no persondays in either 2024-25 or 2025-26 and was excluded from the comparative analysis. Tamil Nadu recorded the steepest decline at 42.8%, followed by Haryana at 41.7%. Only four States registered an increase in persondays.

Calcutta HC rejects govt. objections to Nicobar plea

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Calcutta High Court has overruled the Union government's preliminary objections to a batch of petitions alleging that it violated the Forest Rights Act while obtaining consent for its ₹92,000-crore Great Nicobar Island project.

In an order made public on Friday, a Bench of Chief Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Partha Sarathi Sen dismissed the Centre's argument that Meena Gupta, the petitioner in the case, did not have the *locus standi* to approach the court in this matter. It directed the case to be listed for final hearing on June 23.

Ms. Gupta is a retired IAS officer who has served as Secretary to both the Tribal Affairs and Environment Ministries.

Over the last two years, she has filed a series of petitions challenging the Gram Sabha resolutions consenting to the diversion of forest land for the mega-infrastructure project under the 2006 Forest Rights Act (FRA); the constitution of a sub-divisional level committee under the same law; and the notifications reducing the buffer zones for both the Campbell Bay and Galathea Bay National Parks. The petitions also question the validity of a certificate issued by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands administration claiming that all rights under the FRA have been identified and settled. On Wednesday, Additional Solicitor General of India Ashok Kumar Chakraborty argued that Ms. Gupta did not have authorisation from the tribal population of Great Nicobar Island to file the petition, adding that the petition was not maintainable because her place of residence was in Hyderabad. The court ruled that in this case, it was "clear that the petitioner has sufficient interest in the matter", and that "she is espousing the cause of the vulnerable tribal community". The Centre argued that the project was of "great national importance" and that "such project of national importance cannot be called in question in a [public interest litigation] PIL petition".

'Two Indians on ship hit by hantavirus asymptomatic'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry has confirmed that the two Indian nationals aboard the cruise ship *MV Hondius*, which has reported cases of hantavirus infection, are at present asymptomatic and under observation in accordance with international health protocols.

The Ministry added that it is maintaining close coordination with the World Health Organization and other international partners. "Necessary public health measures are also being undertaken proactively to safeguard the health and wellbeing of Indian citizens," it said in a release on Friday.

A senior Health Ministry official said eight probable cases of hantavirus infection have been reported aboard the vessel, of which five cases have been confirmed. Three deaths have been reported.

Prosecution has failed to establish conspiracy to kill Sohrabuddin Sheikh: HC

Chinmay Gaikwad
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court, which on Thursday upheld the acquittal of 22 accused persons in the 2005 case of alleged fake encounter of Gujarat gangster Sohrabuddin Sheikh, has stated that the prosecution had failed to establish a case. A copy of the court order was made public on Friday.

A Division Bench of the Bombay High Court, comprising Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar and Justice Gautam Ankhad, dismissed appeals filed by Sohrabuddin Sheikh's brothers, Rubabuddin Sheikh and Nayamuddin Sheikh. The appeals challenged a December 21, 2018 trial court order that acquitted 22 police personnel from Gujarat and Rajasthan.

The case pertains to the alleged extrajudicial killing

of Sohrabuddin Sheikh in November 2005, the disappearance of his wife, Kausar Bi, and the subsequent death of Tulsiram Prajapati in December 2006. According to the prosecution, the three were abducted from a luxury bus near Zahirabad and later killed in staged encounters as part of a criminal conspiracy allegedly involving police officers and politicians.

The Bench noted that the prosecution examined 210 witnesses, of whom 92 turned hostile. "There is no ground to draw an inference that the trial was not conducted properly because 92 prosecution witnesses turned hostile," the court said. It added that these witnesses, when cross-examined by the prosecution, denied having made any statement to the police in support of the prosecution case.

The court said that not a single witness identified the accused in the dock as the persons who had abducted Sohrabuddin Sheikh, Kausar Bi and Tulsiram Prajapati.

The Bench held that the prosecution failed to establish the offence of criminal conspiracy. "The essence of the offence of conspiracy is the fact of combination by agreement. There must be some evidence regarding physical manifestation of the agreement. Mere transmission of thought or sharing of a desire to commit an unlawful act is not sufficient," the court said.

NITI Aayog flags low student retention, learning outcomes

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

A decadal analysis of India's school education system by NITI Aayog reveals that while India has achieved a near-universal access to school at the primary level, it faces challenges in retaining students at the secondary level. There is also a persistent crisis in achieving learning outcomes.

The report, titled "School education system in India – temporal analysis and policy roadmap for quality Enhancement", highlights the "pyramid" problem.

The education system currently resembles a sharp pyramid, housing 14.71 lakh schools and 24.69 crore students.

While the country boasts 7.3 lakh primary schools, that number plummets to 1.64 lakh at the higher secondary level.

Four out of every 10 children who enter the system drop out before completing higher secondary education.

To add to this, close to 7,993 schools across the country reported zero student enrolment, with the highest numbers seen in West Bengal (3,812) and Telangana (2,245).

"While these schools appear operational in administrative records, they no longer serve any student population. These schools continue to receive financial and human resources due to the lack of updating of records," the report said.

The report recommends "cylindrical" schooling to fix the "leaky pipeline" of student dropouts, which involves creating composite schools that cover Grades 1-12 under one roof.

It points to the fact that the RTE Act ends at age 14, leaving families to bear the costs of tuition, books, and transport for older children.

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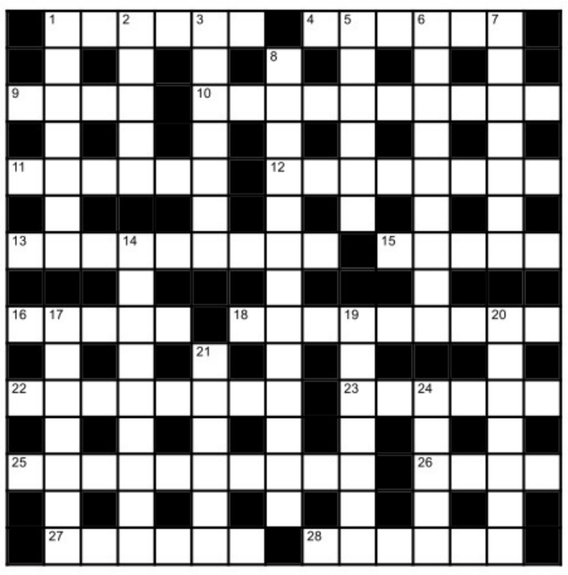

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4 Recorded without Prince hit (6)
9 Virtuoso illegally confined in country (4)
10 Fetching club's client log for analysis (10)
11 Relative was in American-Indian company first (6)
12 In conclusion, square was covered (8)
13 Dynamic work unit led by English nationalist; foreigner in charge (9)
15 Members of NSE provide logic (5)
16 Auditor's representative joins school groups (5)
18 A top mole (English) infiltrates UK party by pretext ultimately to gain understanding (9)
22 Penny or Romeo's free altogether, essentially to make food (8)
23 Savages get direction to stay inside vacant bases (6)
25 Arrival at old city begins with exciting exploits (10)
26 Information on female's operation (4)
27 Want to become father after decent earnings initially (6)
28 Rode for a period of time (day) (6)

Down

1 Say, she could be poor nun (7)
2 Party line at house is for puppets, perhaps (5)
3 In speech, misrepresent meaning to get permit (7)
5 An inside information on vacating city office (6)
6 Favourite job! Essentially dump fuel (9)
7 Dutch champions not beginning meals (7)
8 Liberal or hater? (8,5)
14 Journalists having endless red wine, refresh regularly (9)
17 Shunned the Dove ad I shot (7)
19 English doctor meets idiot at entrance of Yemen consulate (7)
20 Seen as warm (7)
21 Somewhat aggrieved, I tormented boss of 14 (6)
24 Legal to decapitate, but horrific (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Hanuman's eloquence

Kamban conferred the title of *sollin selvan* (Master of words) upon Hanuman in his Ramayanam. Hanuman's eloquence is like a rare jewel. Valmiki's work also pays tribute to Hanuman's way with words.

There are two occasions when Hanuman lives up to his title, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan. When Sugriva despatches Hanuman as his emissary to Rama and Lakshmana who have arrived near the Rushyamukha mountain in their search for Sita, Hanuman takes the form of a mendicant and addresses them. "How is it that you, with your brilliant complexion like that of royal sages or gods, are appearing like ascetics? How did you, who deserve to rule a kingdom, come to this place?" Impressed with Hanuman's speech and astuteness in sizing them up, Rama tells Lakshmana that only a man who has undergone the discipline needed to learn the Rig Veda, the memory power to master the Yajur Veda, and proficiency in proper recitation of the Sama Veda could speak that eloquently.

The other occasion when Hanuman's eloquence came to the fore is when Sita was being held captive in Ashok Vanam by Ravana. He gently introduces himself by reciting events from Ayodhya in a manner that convinces her that he is there to help. Hanuman offers to rescue her by carrying her on his shoulders, saying he had already carried Rama, who is like a father figure to him, on his shoulders. He says he was offering the same service to Sita, who is like a mother to him. However, Sita turns down the offer reasoning that if she were to do so, everyone would hail Sita as a great fighter, diminishing Rama's valour. As a talented speaker himself, Hanuman is impressed by her words.

INBRIEF

Hyundai Motor India Q4 PAT falls 22%, to pay ₹21 dividend

Hyundai Motore India Ltd. (HMIL) reported fourth quarter consolidated profit after tax slid 22% to ₹1,256 crore. Revenue rose 5.4% to ₹18,916 crore. For FY26, PAT fell 4% to ₹5,432 crore. Revenue for FY26 grew 2.3% to ₹70,763 crore. The board recommended a dividend of ₹21 per share. To support growth, HMIL announced the expansion of Pune facility by another 70,000 units post Phase-II expansion, taking the overall capacity to 1.14 million units by 2030.

Titan Company Q4 net profit rises 35% to ₹1,179 crore in Q4

Titan Company posted a Q4 net profit of ₹1,179 crore, a 35% rise over ₹871 crore a year-earlier. Consolidated revenue climbed 46% to ₹20,300 crore. Total income for FY26 stood ₹76,078 crore, a 33% growth. Ajoy Chawla, MD, said, FY26 had been a landmark year for Titan; it took 40 years for the company to cross the ₹50,000 crore annual revenue milestone in FY25, while the next almost ₹25,000 crore had been 'remarkably' achieved in a single year of FY26.

Bank of Baroda Q4 PAT up 11%, set to pay ₹8.5 dividend

Bank of Baroda, the second largest public sector bank, reported a 11% year-on-year growth in profit after tax (PAT) to ₹5, 616 crore. PAT for FY26 at ₹20,021 crore grew 2.2%. The board has recommended a dividend of ₹8.5/equity share for FY26. Q4 net interest income expanded by 8.7% to ₹12,494 crore. Gross NPA Ratio improved to 1.89% in Q4 from 2.26% a year ago. The Net NPA Ratio reduced by 13 bps to 0.45% in Q4FY26.

OMCs losing ₹30,000 crore a month on petrol, diesel, LPG

Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary, Union Petroleum Ministry, added that Oil Marketing Companies were making these losses despite the government reducing the export duty on petrol and diesel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's oil-marketing companies (OMCs) are losing about ₹30,000 crore a month on the sale of petrol, diesel and LPG as they hold steady retail fuel prices amid rising prices of crude oil, said Sujata Sharma, Joint-Secretary at the Union Petroleum Ministry.

Ms. Sharma told reporters the OMCs were incurring the losses despite the government having reduced excise duties on petrol and diesel earlier.

"Our OMCs are buying crude oil at higher rates but are not selling at corresponding rates to protect our consumers, this impacts their finances," she stated, "To alleviate this pressure [on OMCs], the government reduced the excise duties on retail fuel and forewent revenue of

Sujata Sharma

₹14,000 crore in a month. Notwithstanding the same, OMCs are incurring underrecoveries on petrol, diesel and LPG."

West Asia tensions

Escalating tensions in West Asia, which have now extended for more than 60 days, have marred shipping across the Strait of Hormuz, which accounts for a fifth of the global energy trade. This has resulted in prices of crude oil prices spiralling upwards.

At the time of writing, benchmark Brent Crude futures (for July 2026) were trading 0.7% higher over their previous close at $100.75 for every barrel.

As per provisional data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), consumption of petrol rose about 6.36% in April year-on-year whilst that of diesel rose 0.25%.

Since the onset of the tensions, LPG use slid 15.7% in March from February and 7% in April.

This was due to the government seeking to regulate allocation of commericial LPG to commercial establishments.

On March 27, the government increased the allocation of the bottled LPG to commercial and industrial establishment to up to 70% of pre-crisis levels.

Indicative of rising price pressures, the price of commercial LPG cylinder was hiked by ₹993 per cylinder and that of 5-kg free trade LPG by ₹261 per cylinder on May 2, the latter being imperative for migrant populations in urban and semi-urban areas. This was the second such hike. The first of these hikes was effected on April 1.

13 vessels in Hormuz

Speaking to reporters at the same briefing, Opesh Kumar Sharma, Director at the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, informed there were 13 India-flagged vessels in the Strait of Hormuz.

This included one LPG tanker, five crude oil tankers, one chemical products tanker, three container ships, two bulk carriers and one dredger.

SBI FY26 net rises 13% to ₹80,032 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Chairman C. Sreenivasulu Setty

State Bank of India (SBI), the country's biggest lender, reported Q4 standalone profit after tax rose 6% year-on-year to ₹19,684 crore. For FY26, the lender reported 13% YoY growth in PAT to ₹80,032 crore.

The board declared a dividend of ₹17.35/equity share. Soon after the announcement of the results, SBI shares came under selling pressure and closed with a loss of 6.62% at ₹1,019.55 on the BSE.

For Q4, Net Interest Income (NII) grew 4.13% to ₹44,380 crore and for FY26 4.08% to ₹173,120 crore.

Net Interest Margin (NIM) for the quarter fell 21 basis points to 2.93%. For FY26 NIM slid 18 basis points to 3.03%. For the quarter, SBI reported a 2.4% drop in total income to ₹140,412 crore. For FY26 total income grew 5% to ₹551,648 crore.

The bank made lower provisions of ₹3,140 crore towards Non Performing Assets (NPA) for the quarter versus ₹3,964 crore a year earlier. For FY26, provisions grew to ₹15,422 crore from ₹14,418 crore in the previous year.

For the year ended March 31, gross NPA was lower at ₹73,452 crore from ₹76,880 crore a year ago.

Net NPA stood at 18,830 crore versus with ₹19,667 crore a year ago.

The bank saw a deposit growth of 11.03%. Consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter grew by a marginal 1% to ₹20,161 crore. For FY26, it grew 8% to ₹85,168 crore.

Rubber firms raise prices on war

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Rubber industries raised product prices by 7% as costs spiralled on U.S.-Israel-Iran war.

All India Rubber Industries Association president Anay Gupta said with production cost rising by 15% in the last three months, the industries raised prices from May 1. If input prices do not stabilise in two months, they would mull a hike in second quarter.

Prices of natural rubber had climbed 40% and that of synthetic rubber 70%. Firms making products for various sectors, including auto and tyres use a blend of synthetic and natural rubber. The industry is facing an almost 15% shortage of synthetic rubber availability due to the war and MSME output has slid 15%.

The Association appealed to the government to permit duty free import of natural rubber for six months as the import duty was now 25% or ₹30 a kg, whichever was higher.

Call for long-term cotton policies

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The long-term policies of the government should address the fundamental constraints faced by the cotton sector to improve productivity. It should ensure economic viability of the crop for the growers and also take into account the interests of the entire value chain, said a study taken up by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry with Gherzi Textile Organization and the International Cotton Advisory Committee, as knowledge partners.

The 11% import duty imposed in 2021-22 was to address the temporary surplus of cotton due to the fall in mill use forced by the COVID pandemic. The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) stepped in to procure large volume of cotton. However, the years after saw a rise in mill use, necessitating imports. The demand/supply imbalance is likely to widen in the near future.

Strait of Hormuz: why U.S. Project Freedom couldn't secure free navigation

M. Kalyanaraman
CHENNAI

The U.S. announced Project Freedom on May 4 to end the Iranian blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. It was suspended the next day even as merchant ships and U.S. Navy craft came under attack.

Though U.S. President Donald Trump cited progress in talks with Iran as the reason for calling off the initiative, Iran showed it could escalate the situation if the U.S. persisted in its attempt to deny Iran stake in the Strait of Hormuz and establish dominance in the Persian Gulf.

This was a far cry from 40 years ago when the U.S. was able to intervene in the Tanker Wars and ensure a relatively smoother flow of ships in the region.

Listing a range of advanced systems, including underwater drones and warships, the U.S. said multiple advanced military capabilities were being 'harnessed' in Project Freedom to reopen safe navigation via the strait.

As the initiative got underway, the U.S. claimed two U.S.-flagged merchant ships crossed the strait freely, apparently not via the routes Iran indicated, as a demonstration meant to encourage confidence.

Iran had earlier indicated only the area close to its coast was free of mines and marked a danger zone running almost the entire breadth of the strait towards Oman.

Temporarily suspended

In a day, however, Mr. Trump declared Project Freedom was temporarily suspended. There were indications shipowners were not convinced to make the transit. The same day the project was announced, Hapag-Lloyd, one of the biggest container shipping firms in the world, said its risk assessment was unchanged and the strait was closed for transits until further notice.

Some experts say drones have changed the equation as they could damage ships.

Industry cautious

The industry sought more details since the U.S. indicated it was not going to escort ships individually, unlike 40 years ago when it largely succeeded in beating back Iranian initiatives to take control of the strait. Operation Earnest Will involved minesweepers, patrol boats and U.S. warships escorting merchant ship convoys with anti-missile batteries to counter Iranian attacks.

At the time, Iran had recently acquired Silkworm missiles that could be mounted on trucks and fired from land at merchant ships. It also had speedboats with machine guns and mines. Iran sought to attack Kuwaiti and Saudi ships as the two countries were supporting Iraq, its adversary.

During Operation Earnest Will, the U.S. Navy escorted almost 130 fleets consisting of more than 250 ships in a 14-month period ending in September 1988. Though the Tanker Wars drove up insurance costs and reduced traffic, transits continued amid a few attacks and the strait remained open.

After the U.S. launched a major operation against Iran's Naval capabilities, Iran backed off and the Tanker Wars ceased.

Now, however, some experts say drones have changed the equation. A few low-cost weapons could inflict visible damage on merchant ships and even one hit from a swarm of drones could have a disproportionate impact, including on insurance costs that influence global ship movements.

'Ahead of the game'

"The U.S. is ahead of the game as far as countering Iranian surprises is concerned, especially if it is able to deploy capabilities continuously," said Commodore (retd.) R. Seshadri Vasan, a defence expert.

But that commitment was not visible to the shipping industry since key operational details were missing. Meanwhile, at least two merchant ships, including a UAE tanker, were attacked and damaged. Two U.S. Navy destroyers were hit too, in a sign of Iranian firepower. "While a few ships made it out safely while Project Freedom was in place, it was clear transits without coordination with Iran entailed significant risk," said Jakob Larsen, chief safety and security officer, Bimco, a global industry body representing shipowners.

'Internal mismatch a reason behind GST notices'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Most of the notices served by tax authorities to enterprises for conflicts in Goods and Services Tax (GST) payment were due to internal system mismatches rather than the complex rate structure, according to a report by Clear Tax.

"[As much as] 80% of enterprises in our study received at least one notice in FY 2025 that was caused by a mismatch between their own GSTR-1 and 3B filing. Not by any external factor," Clear Tax said in a report. GSTR-1 is the sales report and GSTR 3B are the tax payment documents. The two are based on different databases but are not connecting with each other creating a mismatch and triggering a notice, it said.

Bank of India Q4 PAT rises 15%, dividend at ₹4.65/share

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Bank of India for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2026 reported 15% growth in Profit After Tax (PAT) at ₹3,016 crore. For FY26 the bank reported 14% growth in PAT at ₹ 10,527 crore.

The board declared a dividend of ₹4.65 per share.

Global deposits rose 13.56% crossing ₹9.27 lakh crore. Global advances grew 15.82% and crossed ₹7.71 lakh crore. Gross NPA ratio at 1.98% grew 129 bps. Net NPA ratio at 0.56% increased by 26 bps YoY.

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer (Commercial &Tariff), Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram

Inviting Short term tender for the procurement of power during peak hours of **15th June 2026 to 31st December 2026** through e-bidding portal (DEEP) only
DEEP portal reference no - **KSEBL/Short/26-27/ET/19 dtd 07.05.2026.**
Last Date for submission of queries - **12.05.2026**. Submission of RfP (online digitally signed non financial technical Bid and IPOs) – **19.05.2026, 02.00 pm**
For more details visit www.kseb.in **Ref : PR/MC1/F385/2026**

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, ग्रामीण वृत, जोधपुर
क्रमांकः 264-280 दिनांकः 05.05.2026

निविदा सूचना संख्या : 01 वर्ष 2026-27
NIB No.: PWD2627A0323

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से **सड़क निर्माण कार्य** हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में 8 सड़कें कार्य जिनकी लागत राशि रू. 1400.00 लाख है के लिए ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख	:	11 मई 2026, 9:30 बजे से 01 जून 2026, सायं 03:00 बजे तक

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

#	Name of the work	Estimated cost Put to tender value (Amount in INR)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Amount in INR)	Online Tender opening date
1	Supplying of Mechanical Excavator (JCB) Front End Loader, Mini Excavator on Hire Basis for Cleaning Juliflora Trees, Other Bushes, Leveling Undulated area in the Harbour Estate for the Period of one year in VOCPA	31,82,272/-	63,645/-	21.05.2026
2	Modification of an existing shed into BTTS union office with toilet and septic tank at Zone-B in VOC Port	9,98,020/-	19,960/-	22.05.2026
3	Annual maintenance work for Residential and Non-Residential buildings at Zone-B (Unit rate basis) for a period of Two years	65,00,000/-	1,30,000/-	29.05.2026
4	Strengthening of World Trade Avenue Roads with rigid pavement including side drain and Parking Yard in VOC Port	5,75,36,905/-	11,51,000/-	01.06.2026
5	Resurfacing of Internal Roads around CISF Quarters including Port Hospital at VOC Port Authority	1,92,74,636/-	3,86,000/-	01.06.2026

Note:
For eligible tenderers, downloading of bid documents from the NIC e-tendering website:
i) **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**
ii) **https://www.vocport.gov.in**

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal)

No: BESCOM/CGM(Proj)/DGM-1/AGM-1/BC-14/26-27/CYS-44
BESCOM Invites a tender for the work of "Replacement of existing LT Overhead lines into LT AB cable in various hazardous locations, schools & temple premises, theft prone area, in the aspect of safety and improving quality of power supply in City Sub-division 1 & 2 of Davanagere Division, Davanagere circle" on Total Turnkey basis under Percentage Quoting basis.
(1) Tender Enquiry No : BESCOM/2026-27/EL/WORK_INDENT1082 **(2)** Availability of Bid documents : **11.05.2026 onwards. (3)** Last date for submission of bid Queries : **20.05.2026 before 17:00 Hrs. (4)** Pre-Bid meeting : **21.05.2026 @ 11:00 Hrs. (5)** Venue of Pre-Bid meeting : O/o Chief General Manager (Ele), 4th Floor, Project Section, B Block, Corporate office, BESCOM, K. R Circle, Bangalore-560 001. **(6)** Last date & Time for bid submission : **11.06.2026 @ 15:00 Hrs. (7)** Opening of Technical Bids : **12.06.2026 @ 15:30 Hrs.**
The bid documents can be downloaded and necessary assistance can be obtained through the e-procurement portal from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in E-procurement Help Desk: Phone No: +91-8046010000 +91-8068948777 E-mail: support@eprochelpdesk.com** Aspiring bidders needs to be registered on e-procurement portal. Bidders can take the assistance from the e-procurement during office working hours.

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S. No	Name of post	No of post (Reservation Status)	Pay Matrix Level as per 7th CPC
1	Senior Manager (Group A)	01(OBC)	Level-13 (Rs.123100-215900)
2	Junior Scientific Officer (Group A)	01(UR)	Level-10 (Rs.67700-208700)
3	Technical Assistant (Group B)	01 (OBC)	Level-6 (Rs.35,400-1,12,400)
4	Assistant (Group B)	01 (OBC)	Level-6 (Rs.35,400-1,12,400)
5	Personal Assistant (Group B)	01 (UR)	Level-6 (Rs.35,400-1,12,400)

2. Application must reach the undersigned within 30 days from date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment news.
3. Candidates desirous of applying for the above post may refer website "https://ernet.in" for complete details regarding eligibility criteria, application form and other details.
4. Any modification /amendment etc. shall be uploaded on ERNET website.

Registrar & Director (P&A)
ERNET India

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Trump announces prisoner swap, Ukraine-Russia ceasefire for 3 days

REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump announced a three-day ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia starting on Saturday, saying he hoped it could lead to a long-term deal to end Moscow's war. The truce would also include a mutual swap of 1,000 prisoners each, said Mr. Trump, who has struggled to end the four-year conflict. AFP

TAIPEI

Taiwan's Parliament approves $25-billion defence spending Bill

REUTERS

Taiwan's Parliament approved a $25-billion defence spending Bill on Friday that Opposition lawmakers say will be used for U.S. weapons, after months of political wrangling. Taiwanese lawmakers have been at loggerheads over how much to spend on improving defence capabilities against a potential attack by China. AFP

SEOUL

North Korea to deploy new artillery guns targeting Seoul

AP

North Korea said on Friday it will deploy new long-range artillery systems this year that are capable of striking South Korea's capital region and will commission its first naval destroyer in coming weeks. *KCNA* cited Kim Jong-un as saying the striking range of this large-calibre rifled gun is over 60 km. AP

PESHAWAR

Six killed, 13 injured as mortar shell hits civilian area in northwest Pak.

AFP

At least six persons were killed and 13 others injured when a mortar shell exploded in a civilian area in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, police said. The incident took place in the Durrani Banda area of Hangu district when police were engaged in an operation against the militants. PTI

U.S., Iran trade fire, threatening truce; UAE reports 'attacks'

USS Rafael Peralta enforcing a maritime blockade against the Iran-flagged crude oil tanker vessel *Stream*. AFP

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump said the ceasefire with Iran was still in place despite an Iranian attack on three American destroyers in the Strait of Hormuz that fanned fears on Friday that the truce was faltering.

The U.S. military said it carried out strikes on Iranian military targets in response, although Tehran charged that it was Washington that had initiated the exchange of fire.

The latest violence threatens to unravel a fragile truce in effect since April 8 that brought an end to weeks of U.S.-Israeli attacks on the Islamic republic, which has retaliated with strikes across the West Asia and by blocking the strait, a vital route for oil and gas shipments.

The United Arab Emirates said that its air defences were "engaging missile and drone attacks originating from Iran".

Asked in Washington on Thursday if the Iran ceasefire was still on, Mr. Trump said: "Yeah, it is. They trifled with us today. We blew them away. They trifled. I call that a trifle."

'Eliminated threats'

U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) said in a post on X that Iranian forces launched "multiple missiles, drones and small boats" at the three U.S. warships, but none were hit, and that it "eliminated inbound threats and targeted Iranian military facilities responsible".

"CENTCOM does not seek escalation but remains positioned and ready to protect American forces," it said.

For its part, Iran's central military command accused the United States of violating the ceasefire by attacking an oil tanker and another ship, saying Tehran's forces "immediately and in retaliation attacked American military vessels".

Mr. Trump this week fuelled hopes of a deal, saying an agreement could be near.

The 'bridge of defiance' that was struck

The B1 Bridge in Karaj, the tallest bridge in the Persian Gulf region, was hit during the American and Israeli military strikes on the night of April 2; in Iran, however, the bridge has quickly become something larger than a construction project; it is now being presented as a symbol of resistance

DISPATCH FROM IRAN

Saurabh Shukla
Saurabh Shahi
KARAJ

Standing over the dry bed of the Karaj River, all that remains are twisted steel beams, shattered concrete slabs, dust, and silence. What lies here is not the aftermath of an accident. Iranian officials and witnesses describe it as a deliberate and calculated strike – one they say was designed not just to destroy infrastructure, but to break Iran's industrial and social backbone.

On the night of April 2, 2026, the B1 Bridge in Karaj – the tallest bridge in the Persian Gulf region – was hit during American and Israeli military strikes, according to Iranian authorities. The attack destroyed a key section of the bridge and turned what was once considered a symbol of Iranian engineering into a field of rubble.

In Iran, however, the bridge has quickly become something larger than a construction project. It is now being presented as a symbol of national resistance and self-reliance.

The B1 Bridge, also known as Bilqan 1, connected the Bilqan region of Karaj with Tehran and formed part of one of Iran's most important transport corridors. Karaj, located west of Tehran, functions as Iran's largest industrial suburb. Nearly 200,000 vehicles travel daily between Karaj and Tehran, and the bridge had been designed to divert almost one-third of the traffic from heavily congested older routes.

Its strategic importance extended far beyond urban traffic management.

The corridor links Tehran to Qazvin, Tabriz, the Caspian region, and onward trade routes connecting Iran with Russia and Central Asia.

Project Engineer of this bridge has also emphasised another aspect of the bridge – that it was built almost entirely with domestic technology and materials. The bridge had not yet been formally inaugurated, though traffic had already started moving across it.

Broader strategy

According to local accounts, civilians had gathered near the Karaj riverbed on the evening of April 2 when the strikes began. The first missile hit the central span of the bridge, causing a section to collapse and vehicles to fall into the dry riverbed below.

Emergency responders rushed to the scene soon afterward.

Witnesses and Iranian officials state that additional strikes followed after rescue teams arrived. The sequence of attacks has been described by Iranian commentators as a "triple-tap strike", a military tactic in which an initial strike is followed by subsequent attacks targeting rescuers and emergency personnel arriving at the scene.

Symbol of resistance: The B1 bridge, after it was destroyed by a strike in Karaj, nearly 35 km southwest of Tehran, on April 3. Donald Trump had previously threatened to bomb Iran 'back to the Stone Ages'. AFP

Iranian authorities have described the attack as a violation of international humanitarian law, arguing that the bridge was civilian infrastructure rather than a military target.

Beyond the destruction itself, Iranian analysts believe the strikes reflected a broader geopolitical strategy aimed at destabilising Iran internally. The B1 corridor connects Tehran with northern and northwestern regions that have large Azeri populations. Karaj itself has a substantial Azeri community, while cities further northwest such as Tabriz are overwhelmingly Azeri.

Iranian political commentators argue that the destruction of the bridge was intended to isolate Tehran from those regions and create internal pressure or instability along ethnic lines – a strategy they claim resembles approaches previously seen in Syria and Lebanon.

However, Iranian officials insist that such assumptions misread the structure of Iranian society. Azeris are deeply integrated into Iran's political, military, and economic institutions and constitute one of the country's most influential communities.

The attacks also intensified debate within Iran over technological independence and industrial self-sufficiency.

In recent years, Tehran has invested heavily in domestic engineering and manufacturing capabilities as sanctions limited access to foreign suppliers and international cooperation. Iranian officials point to projects such as the B1 Bridge as examples of the country's ability to sustain major infrastructure development independently.

Alongside the bridge strike, Iranian media reports indicate that steel plants, cement facilities, and scientific institutions were also targeted during the broader military campaign.

Particular attention has focused on Sharif University of Technology in Tehran, widely regarded as one of West Asia's leading engineering universities.

Despite sanctions, Iran continues to produce a large number of engineering graduates annually, and officials frequently portray technical education as central to the country's economic resilience.

Following the bridge strike, Iran carried out what officials described as a symbolic retaliatory operation near the King Fahd Causeway connecting Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. Iranian state-linked media framed the move as a warning that critical infrastructure throughout the Gulf region remains vulnerable.

Political moment

Inside Iran, the public response to the attack became a major political and symbolic moment.

After statements attributed to U.S. President Donald Trump warning of further destruction of Iranian infrastructure, crowds gathered near bridges and public structures across several cities. In Karaj, thousands reportedly assembled near the damaged B1 Bridge.

The gatherings were widely portrayed in Iranian media as demonstrations of civilian resolve and national unity.

Reconstruction efforts began almost immediately after the strikes. Engineering crews and heavy machinery reportedly arrived at the site within hours, and officials now say the bridge could be rebuilt within six weeks.

At the site today, cranes move continuously above shattered concrete while workers weld new steel structures into place. Iranian authorities say the rebuilt bridge will rely once again on domestic materials, local industry, and Iranian engineers.

(Saurabh Shukla and Saurabh Shahi are senior editors with The Red Mike)

Starmer says he won't step down after Labour's losses

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Friday was not a good day for British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his Labour party, as results for 136 councils to elect 5,000 councillors in England and Assembly elections in Wales and Scotland started coming in. A defiant Mr. Starmer pushed back against calls from within his party, for him to step down.

"I'm not going to walk away and plunge the country into chaos," Mr. Starmer said in London on Friday morning, as he acknowledged the results were "really tough".

Labour had lost 536 councillors by 4 p.m. local time. The Conservatives had lost 312. It was a very different picture for nativist Reform UK party, which had gained 726 councillors as of 4 p.m. local time. The Greens and Liberal Democrats also made gains of 112 and 41 councillors, respectively.

Keir Starmer

Reform won seats from Labour in the latter's bastions such as he Midlands. It also won its first London Borough of Havering.

While the results are far from complete, the picture was not looking good for Labour in the elections for the Welsh assembly or Senedd where Labour had won three (-11) in the newly expanded legislature with 96 seats. The nationalist left of centre Plaid Cymru had won 13 seats (+5) and Reform 11 (+11).

Labour had been projected to come in third in the Welsh and Scotland legislative elections, behind Reform UK . Plaid and the Scottish National Party (SNP) were projected to win in Wales and Scotland, respectively.

In Scotland the SNP had won 36 of 129 seats as of this writing, with Labour and the Conservatives at 2 seats each.

If the final results are in line with the projections, it would spell particularly bad news for Labour, which has held the Senedd since it was constituted in 1999 and been winning a majority of U.K. parliamentary seats from Wales for more than a century.

Mr. Starmer had already been under the scanner for his handling of the appointment of former British envoy to Washington, Peter Mandelson, who had links with Jeffrey Epstein, the paedophile and financier.

Polling suggests that the party has lost more voters to the left than to the right, according to Tim Bale, a political scientist at Queen Mary University of London.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Withdrawal of 2023 Faculty Recruitment Notifications
Pursuant to the resolution of the Executive Council of Rayalaseema University and the orders issued by the Government vide G.O.RT.No.63, the permission earlier accorded for filling up of 103 vacant faculty positions in the University is hereby withdrawn. Consequently, the faculty recruitment notifications (No. RU-01/T.Estt./Rectt-2023, No.RU-02/T.Estt./Rectt-2023 and No.RU-03/T.Estt./Rectt-2023) issued on 30-10-2023 for filling up the said posts stand withdrawn.
Candidates who have applied to the 2023 notifications may visit the university website **https://rukap.edu.in/** for information regarding refund of the application fee. The dates of fresh notifications and other particulars will be announced separately.
sd/- Registrar, Rayalaseema University, Kurnool

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Applications are invited, in online mode, from eligible candidates to fill up regular posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor (including backlog vacancies), in the Departments of Bengali, Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Geography, Geology, Hindi, History, Mathematics, Odia, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sanskrit, Sociology, Statistics and Zoology, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack.
Detailed advertisements will be available on the University website **www.ravenshawuniversity.ac.in** as well as on HIMS Portal **https://himsrecruitment.odisha.gov.in/home**. **The application process shall be conducted entirely in online mode through the HIMS Portal : https://himsrecruitment.odisha.gov.in/home from 12.05.2026 to 11.06.2026**. After submitting the application online, a printout of the same, along with all supporting documents duly self-attested by the applicant, must be sent to the **"Registrar, Ravenshaw University, College Square, Cuttack, Odisha-753003"** by Speed Post / Registered Post only so as to reach him on or before **20.06.2026 by 05.30 PM**. The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any post(s) without assigning any reason thereof.
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CIFNET ADMISSION NOTICE - SESSION 2026-27
Admission to courses under Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) at Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical & Engineering Training, Kochi, Chennai & Visakhapatnam for the academic session 2026-27 will be made through Common Entrance Test (CET), scheduled to be held on 14.07.2026. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to **'Vessel Navigator'** and '**Marine Fitter'** trades. The duration of both the courses is 24 months (2 Year) and fully residential. The selected candidates will be paid stipend of Rs.1500/- (One thousand and five hundred) per month by the Government of India. The details of admission are available on website **cifnet.gov.in**. The last date to submit the application : **16.06.2026**.
DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - e-Procurement Notice
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, CENTRAL MINOR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
Phone-0674-2540559 Mail ID:cmic.bbsr@gmail.com; No.684 /CMIC Date : 30.04.2026
The Additional Chief Engineer, Central Minor Irrigation Circle, Bhubaneswar on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bids in Double cover only in ONLINE mode** for the works detailed in the table from **"B" & "A" class** Contractors registered with the State Government and contractors of equivalent Grade/ Class registered with Central Government/M.E.S./Railways for execution of civil works on production of definite proof from the appropriate authority. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the works.
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1	Name of the works	:	As per Annexure to this bid notice.
2	Total No. of works	:	2 (Two) nos
3	Estimated Cost	:	Rs 186.70 lakh & Rs.190.2 Lakh Approximately (Detail list of work Annexed)
4	Class of Contractor	:	Class "B" &"A"
5	Period of completion	:	As Mentioned against Work.
6	Date & time of Availability of Bid Document in the portal for online bidding.	:	5.05.2026 at 10.00 AM to 19.05.2026 up to 5.30 P.M.
7	Last date/Time for receipt of Bid only in ONLINE	:	19.05.2026 up to 5.30 P.M.
8	Date/Time of Opening of Technical Bid.	:	20.05.2026 at 11.30 A.M. at Office of the Addl. C.E Central M.I Circle, Bhubaneswar through Web site
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We are quite comfortable with the way we play: GT's Parthiv

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

If we get wickets at the start, we have the upper hand. Our plans are quite set, and we are quite comfortable with the way we are playing right now. With the kind of bowling attack we have, we would want to restrict it (Rajasthan Royals) to the minimum score possible — Gujarat Titans assistant coach Parthiv Patel.

DEPENDABLE

'Fast bowlers Rabada and Siraj are high-performing players'

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Both are high-performing players at the international level. You know the pedigree both of them bring, especially with the new ball. Rabada bowling 150 kph consistently and the way Siraj has been putting pressure... it is great to see — GT assistant coach Parthiv Patel on pacers Kagiso Rabada and Mohammed Siraj.

ABSOLUTE PEACH

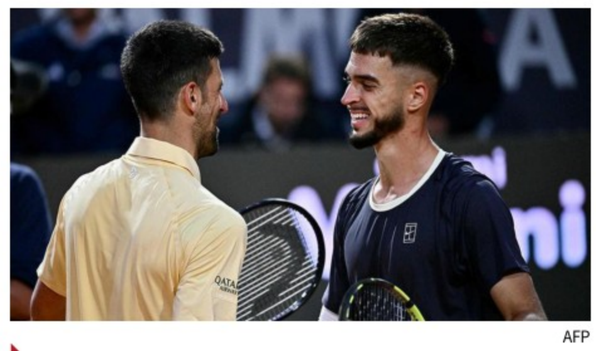
McClenaghan hails Prince's 'divine delivery' to get Kohli

AP

Former New Zealand pacer Mitchell McClenaghan praised Prince Yadav for his "divine delivery" that dismissed Virat Kohli during the Lucknow Super Giants-Royal Challengers Bengaluru match in IPL 2026. "It was a divine delivery. He wasn't trying to swing the ball in. He just hit the seam. It swung in enough off the seam to beat Kohli".

GIANT-KILLER

Qualifier Prizmic knocks out Djokovic from Italian Open



AFP

Novak Djokovic was eliminated from the Italian Open in the second round on Friday by Croatian qualifier Dino Prizmic, who won 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. The 24-time Grand Slam champion was making his comeback from a shoulder injury in the last big tournament before the French Open.

Spinners, Allen make it four in a row for KKR

Anukul scalps two while Narine provides a breakthrough as the Kolkata outfit restricts DC to 142 for eight; the opener's sensational century seals the chase with plenty to spare

IPL-19

Vivek Krishnan
NEW DELHI

When a modest target has to be pursued in modern-day T20 cricket, the benefits of having time and knowing the precise tempo to operate at are sizeable for the chasing team.

Finn Allen may have been out of sorts heading into Kolkata Knight Riders' clash against Delhi Capitals on Friday in IPL 2026, but this was an opportunity he wasn't going to fritter away.

The New Zealander steered KKR to a target of 143 with an unbeaten 100 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, handing the three-time champion an eight-wicket win in 14.2 overs to keep its playoff hopes alive. It was Knight Riders' fourth victory on the trot.

Action aplenty: Allen produced the big shots at will. Anukul castled Stubbs while Narine came up with a tidy spell. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Match-winning stand

With an unbroken partnership of 116 for the third wicket, Allen and Cameron Green helped alleviate any concerns in the KKR camp post the dismissals of Ajinkya Rahane and Angkrish Raghuvanshi.

DC's future this season hangs by a thread, having stumbled to its seventh defeat in 11 matches. At the heart of a shambolic performance was Capitals' ineptitude with the bat, as reflected by a total of 142 for eight.

On a slow surface, KKR's spinners held sway. Anukul Roy struck twice while Sunil Narine chipped in with a breakthrough. Pacer Kartik Tyagi also took two wickets.

For the host, Pathum Nissanka stood out with a knock of 50.

In an opening partnership of 49, Nissanka took the initiative. Besides the pulls and flicks, he was also deftness personified, notably piercing the gap perfectly behind square on the off-side with a late steer against Varun Chakaravarthy.

Vital strike

At the start of the 11th over, the diminutive opener reached his half-century with an inside-out drive off Anukul. Off the very next ball, however, the left-arm spinner saw the batter charge and dragged his line for Raghuvanshi to complete a stumping off a wide.

Slow going

Confronted with the need to rebuild after DC was reduced to 89 for five, Axar Patel and Ashutosh Sharma retreated into their shells – just 11 runs were added from overs 12 to 16.

Though Ashutosh managed a few boundaries towards the end, it did prove futile in the grand scheme.

SCOREBOARD

DELHI CAPITALS

Pathum Nissanka st. Raghuvanshi b Anukul 50 *(29b, 5x4, 3x6)*, K.L. Rahul c Green b Tyagi 23 *(14b, 4x4)*, Nitish Rana c Narine b Green 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, Sameer Rizvi c Powell b Narine 3 *(7b)*, Tristan Stubbs b Anukul 2 *(4b)*, Axar Patel c Anukul b Vaibhav 11 *(22b)*, Ashutosh Sharma c Rahane b Tyagi 39 *(28b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Vipraj Nigam (not out) 3 *(3b)*, Mitchell Starc run out 0 *(2b)*, Lungi Ngidi (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (w-2): 2; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 142.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-49 (Rahul, 4.6 overs), 2-74 (Nitish, 7.6), 3-80 (Rizvi, 9.5), 4-85 (Nissanka, 10.1), 5-89 (Stubbs, 10.5), 6-128 (Axar, 18.3), 7-140 (Ashutosh, 19.2), 8-140 (Starc, 19.4).

KNIGHT RIDERS BOWLING

Anukul 4-0-31-2, Vaibhav 3-0-29-1, Narine 4-0-17-1, Tyagi 4-0-25-2, Varun 4-0-28-0, Green 1-0-12-1.

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS

Ajinkya Rahane run out 13 *(9b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Finn Allen **(Impact Player for Varun)** (not out) 100 *(47b, 5x4, 10x6)*, Angkrish Raghuvanshi b Axar 1 *(3b)*, Cameron Green (not out) 33 *(27b, 2x6)*; Total (for two wkts. in 14.2 overs): 147.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-29 (Rahane, 2.6), 2-31 (Raghuvanshi, 3.4).

CAPITALS BOWLING

Starc 3-0-31-0, Axar 4-0-27-1, Ngidi 2-0-7-0, Vipraj 2-0-34-0, Kuldeep **(Impact Player for Ashutosh)** 3-0-41-0, Mukesh 0.2-0-7-0.

Toss: Knight Riders.
Player-of-the-Match: Allen.
KKR won by eight wickets with 34 balls to spare.

Next assignment

DC: May 11 vs. PBKS Dharamshala, 7.30 p.m.

KKR: May 13 vs. RCB Raipur, 7.30 p.m.

BCCI bans unauthorised visitors from players' rooms

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Warning of potential "honey traps, legal liability and security risks", the BCCI has banned unauthorised visitors from the hotel rooms of players, support staff and team officials in the IPL.

This was after incidents of "misconduct and protocol violations" were flagged by the Board's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). In an elaborate advisory for the 10 franchises, the BCCI said that written authorisation from team managers would be a must for guests to have access to players' and officials' rooms.

"The advisory is intended to reinforce the standards of professionalism, discipline, security awareness and protocol compliance expected from all stakeholders associated with IPL," BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia said in a communication to the CEOs of the franchises.

"These incidents, if left unaddressed, carry the potential to cause significant reputational harm to the tournament, the franchise concerned and the BCCI."

The Board also banned players and support staff from leaving team hotels at "irregular hours" without informing their designated security liaison officer and team integrity officer.

Can Titans pacers contain Royals openers Jaiswal and Sooryavanshi?

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
JAIPUR

In 2023 and 2024, Gujarat Titans treated Jaipur like an away ATM: insert XI, withdraw points. Then came 2025, and the machine jammed.

There are grounds where 180 sits on the board like a mob boss at a nightclub – untouchable, respected, radiating consequences.

The Sawai Mansingh Stadium this season has not been one of them. Here, the scoreboard has behaved like a slot machine in a provincial casino. Targets aren't safe, and batters have swung as if the boundary cushions owe them money.

Swashbuckler: Jaiswal will have a big role to play at the top of the order along with Sooryavanshi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Trusted formula

That doesn't entirely align with the blueprint behind GT's three-match winning streak – the bowlers to contain, the target to remain modest, the chase to unfold without panic. It has won seven out of seven chases of 170 or below since 2025.

Kagiso Rabada has rediscovered rhythm with the new ball, claiming four wickets at an economy of 6.89 in the PowerPlay across the last three matches.

Significantly, three of those dismissals have come through short and short-of-length deliveries. Mohammed Siraj has been equally incisive, taking four wickets at 6.44 in the same phase.

Engrossing battle

Their duel with RR's explosive openers – Yashasvi Jaiswal and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi – could be the night's defining match-up. Jason Holder's return of seven wickets at 6.94 adds further control to GT's attack.

With captain Riyan Parag striking form and Donovan Ferreira shaping into a terrific finisher, RR's middle-order has contributed more consistently over the last two games.

GT's, meanwhile, remains vulnerable. Including its last match against Punjab Kings, GT's Nos. 4 to 7 have averaged only 22 since the last IPL – the second-lowest among all teams in that period. RR has enough bowling variety to expose and target that weakness in search of its first win here this season.

Today's match

RAJASTHAN ROYALS vs. GUJARAT TITANS

Jaipur, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Played: 9

RR 3 | GT 6

PREVIOUS MEETING

RR won by **six runs**, 2026

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> I think it's just about trying to execute as well as possible and backing it up with some good fielding. We can be a little bit smarter, a little bit better in the field
>
> **KUMAR SANGAKKARA**
> Royals' head coach

I can't take too much credit for Sunrisers being at the top of the table: Cummins

Anirudh Velamuri
HYDERABAD

Three defeats in its first four IPL 2026 games had already set alarm bells ringing around Sunrisers Hyderabad's campaign.

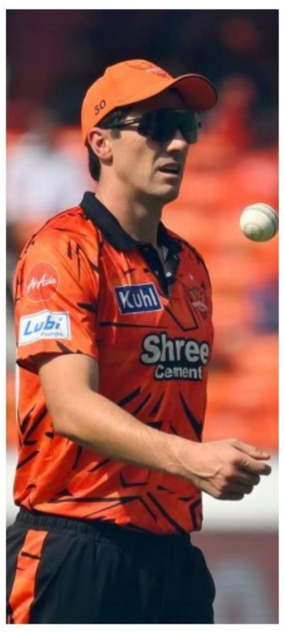
The explosive batting line-up looked capable of brilliance one day and collapse the next, while concerns over an inexperienced bowling attack only grew louder with every setback.

Less than a month later, the narrative has flipped completely.

Exceeding expectations

Sunrisers now sit atop the table, playing with the swagger and assurance of genuine title contenders, courtesy of batters finding their rhythm and a young pace attack that has exceeded expectations before skipper Pat Cummins' return.

"I can't take too much credit for Sunrisers Hyderabad being on top of the table. I have only played the last three or four games. These boys have been flying the whole season," Cummins said of his pacers Praful Hinge, Sakib Hussain and, Eshan Malinga on the sidelines of the launch of Apollo Hospitals' Centre of Excellence for Sports Injuries.



Cummins. NAGARA GOPAL

"Hyderabad has been great to me the last couple of years. It's a very easy bunch of players to look after.

"Everyone knows what they want to do out there, so it's easy for me to stay nice and calm and just let the guys shine because they are all superstars," he said on Friday.

The 33-year-old said adaptability and resilience remain crucial in an unforgiving league, especially for bowlers.

Being practical

"As quicks, the odds are stacked against you a lot in the IPL with its big scores. It also presents an opportunity to bounce back after a bad over; your next one could still win you the match... you are not going to win every game of the season, so it's about not stressing too much about it."

Joining the outfit mid-season as he made his way back from injury, Cummins swears by prioritising recovery regardless of the schedule.

"When you get into a tournament, playing is obviously the priority. I don't do a lot of bowling outside of games. It's mainly about recovery. Most of my focus outside of the game is actually on preparing my plans. The actual physical prep is mainly done in the gym or resting."

He also underlined the importance of not obsessing over the game.

"I want to be as fresh as I can, so I switch off from cricket as much as I can. I feel like when I need to switch on in the game, I have enough bandwidth to give it my full focus".

Points table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Sunrisers Hyderabad	11	7	4	0	14	0.737
Punjab Kings	10	6	3	1	13	0.571
Royal Challengers	10	6	4	0	12	1.234
Rajasthan Royals	10	6	4	0	12	0.510
Gujarat Titans	10	6	4	0	12	-0.147
Chennai Super Kings	10	5	5	0	10	0.151
Kolkata Knight Riders	10	4	5	1	9	-0.169
Delhi Capitals	11	4	7	0	8	-1.154
Mumbai Indians	10	3	7	0	6	-0.649
Lucknow Super Giants	10	3	7	0	6	-0.934

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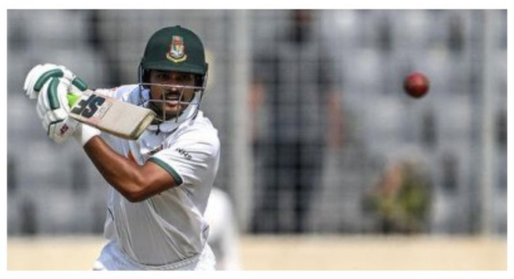

Shanto and Mominul help Bangladesh take control

Captain Najmul Hossain Shanto's century put Bangladesh in a strong position on the opening day of the first Test against Pakistan in Dhaka on Friday. Shanto made 101 off 130 balls (12x4, 2x6), to steer Bangladesh to 301 for four at stumps. Mominul Haque missed out on his ton after being dismissed for 91 (200b, 10x4). Shanto and Mominul combined for a 170-run partnership for the third wicket to steady the innings after Bangladesh had slumped to 31 for two in 10.1 overs.

The scores: Bangladesh 301/4 in 85 overs (Mominul 91, Shanto 101, Mushfiqur 48 batting) vs. Pakistan.
Toss: Pakistan.

Simranjeet, Sahil enter semifinals at archery WC

Simranjeet Kaur and Sahil Jadhav reached the recurve women's and compound men's semifinals, respectively, to remain in the medal hunt at the archery World Cup Stage-2 in Shanghai on Friday. Simranjeet, who got a first-round bye, beat Spain's Paula Alarez Gonzalez 6-4, China's Yu Qi 6-4 and Turkiye's Gizem Ozkan 6-5 (shoot-off: 10*-10, shot closer to centre). He will take on Olympic medallist Kang Chaeyoung of Korea in the semifinals. Sahil got byes in the first two rounds and defeated compatriot Abhishek Verma 149-147, German Ruven Fluss 149-146 and Austrian Nico Wiener 147-147 (shoot-off: 10-9). He will meet Frenchman Nicolas Girard for a place in the final.

Aston Villa storms into Europa League summit clash

John McGinn (*in pic*) scored a brace as Aston Villa routed Nottingham Forest 4-0 in the Europa League on Thursday to reach its first major European final in 44 years.

The results (semifinals, second leg): Aston Villa 4 (Watkins 36, Buendia 58-pen, McGinn 77, 80) bt Nottingham Forest 0 (Villa won 4-1 on aggregate).
Freiburg 3 (Kubler 19, 72, Manzambi 41) bt Braga 1 (Victor 79) (Freiburg won 4-3 on aggregate).

Indian women beat Lebanon, punch quarterfinal ticket

A goalless draw between the Philippines and Taiwan ensures the Young Tigresses advance as one of the two best third-placed teams; the side enters the knockout round for the first time

U-17 ASIAN CUP

Press Trust of India
SUZHOU (CHINA)

India scripted history by qualifying for the quarterfinals of the AFC Under-17 Women's Asian Cup for the first time with a commanding 4-0 victory against Lebanon in the final Group-B fixture on Friday.

India's entry into the last-eight stage was confirmed after the Philippines and Taiwan failed to win their final head-to-head Group-C match by a margin of 12 goals or more.

Pritika Barman (7, 85), Alva Devi Senjam (36) and Joya (72) had earlier put India on the verge of qualification with their strikes at the Suzhou Taihu Football Sports Centre.

In the end, the emphatic win helped India reach the quarterfinals as one of the tournament's two best third-placed teams.

Reaching the semifinals of this tournament would guarantee India a spot in the 2026 FIFA u-17 Women's WC. India, which made only one change from its last game, with Anushka Kumari replacing Pearl Fernandes, played with intent to win.

The result: India 4 (Pritika Barman 7, 85, Alva Devi Senjam 36, Joya 72) bt Lebanon 0.

Reaching the semifinals would guarantee India a spot in the 2026 FIFA u-17 Women's World Cup

Making the grade: India reaped the benefits of playing with intent. X@INDIANFOOTBALL

Global Chess League to remain in India

Sports Bureau

The Global Chess League (GCL) will stay home for another season. The fourth edition of the league, a joint venture of Tech Mahindra and world chess governing body FIDE, will be held later this year.

The third season was conducted in Mumbai last December, with The Royal Opera House being the venue. It was the first time the league, featuring most of the world's top players, was staged in India – the first two editions were held in Dubai and London. The event in Mumbai attracted a good crowd on all days.

Grandmaster Pravin Thipsay, who was the coach of last year's champion Alpine SG Pipers, backed the decision to hold the GCL in India again. "The league could go to another city this year," Thipsay told *The Hindu*. "I think it will be nice to have it in Chennai, the capital of Indian chess."

The GCL commissioner Gaurav Rakshit said that India's passion for the game and the rapidly growing chess ecosystem had made it a natural destination for the league. "The GCL has played a pivotal role in transforming chess into a more dynamic and spectator-friendly sport," Rakshit said. "We look forward to another exciting season that brings together the world's best players and a global fanbase."

The FIDE president Arkady Dvorkovich said that the league had injected new energy into the sport by combining world-class competition with an engaging team format. "India continues to play a defining role in the global growth of chess, both through its exceptional talent and the passion of its fans," Dvorkovich said.

AIFF condoles demise of former India midfielder Mohan Singh

ANI
NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation condoled the death of former India midfielder Mohan Singh, who passed away on Thursday.

A skilful midfielder of his generation, Mohan represented India at the international level in the early 1970s.

He made his senior national team debut against Burma on March 22, 1972, in Rangoon during the pre-Olympic tournament.

He went on to earn three caps for the national team, all during the 1972 pre-Olympic campaign, according to a press release from AIFF.

AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey said, "Mohan Singh was a gifted midfielder who served Indian football with distinction during his playing days."

At the domestic level, Mohan represented Bengal in the Santosh Trophy in 1972 and played a key role in the team's successful campaign.

At club level, Mohan enjoyed successful spells with East Bengal and Mohun Bagan. With East Bengal, whom he represented in 1972 and 1975, Mohan scored 11 goals across competitions.

During his time with the Red and Gold brigade, he won the Calcutta Football League (1972, 1975), IFA Shield (1972, 1975), Durand Cup (1972), Rovers Cup (1972, 1975), and the Bordoloi Trophy (1972).

He later turned out for Bagan in 1973 and 1974, scoring three goals and winning the Durand Cup in 1974.

Mohan also represented Mohammedan Sporting Club in 1976.

High point: Mohan receives the Player-of-the-Match award from the then Chief of Army Staff General S.H.F.J. Manekshaw after the 1972 Durand Cup final. X@INDIANFOOTBALL

Gukesh beats Caruana in final round of rapid event

Press Trust of India
WARSAW

World champion D. Gukesh defeated American Grandmaster Fabiano Caruana in the ninth and final round to be tied fourth in the Super Rapid and Blitz Tournament's rapid competition here.

Eighteen more rounds are to come in the blitz section that follows the rapid event.

Gukesh started the final day of the rapid section with a loss to French Grandmaster Maxime Vachier-Lagrave before drawing with Vladimir Fedoseev of Slovenia.

Wild card American Hans Moke Niemann proved his detractors wrong by emerging as the surprise winner of this section with 13 points. Wesley So was second on 12 ahead of Fedoseev on 11.

"My rapid event was inconsistent. I was playing well, but I missed a few chances. There were also games where I was in trouble and managed to save. The tournament could have been better," Gukesh told 'Saint Louis Chess Club'.

Gukesh, Caruana and Duda Jan-Krzystzof of Poland tied for the fourth spot on nine points apiece and the main battle is likely to be between these six players once the blitz competition begins.

"In blitz, all you have to do is play fast and pray. That's going to be my strategy," he said.

The results (round 9): D. Gukesh (9) bt Fabiano Caruana (9); Radoslav Wojtaszek (5) drew with Hans Moke Niemann (13); Vladimir Fedoseev (11) bt Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (8); Javokhir Sindarov (8) drew with Firoujza Alireza (6); Duda Jan-Krzystzof (9) drew with Wesley So (12).

Deep in thought: Gukesh made the most of a 38th move error by Caruana to push for a win.

Excellent Lass expected to score

BENGALURU: Excellent Lass, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Kunigal Stud Trophy (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Saturday (May 9).

False rails (width about 5.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 CHANTILLE PLATE (1,500m), rated 20 to 45, 3.00 p.m.: 1. Star Of India (8) Neeraj 61, 2. Alamgir (5) Pavan 60.5, 3. IL Volo (7) M. Rajesh K 57, 4. The Golden Dream (4) Kiran Rai 56.5, 5. Pledge (3) Akshay K 56, 6. Assurances (2) Suraj 55.5, 7. Turkoman (1) Rushal G.A 54 and 8. Fiery Lexi (6) G. Vivek 52.5.
1. PLEDGE, 2. STAR OF INDIA, 3. ALAMGIR

2 RABINDRANATH TAGORE JAYANTI TROPHY (1,300m), rated 40 to 65, 3.30: 1. Rodney (1) Pavan 61.5, 2. Invincible (2) M. Rajesh K 57, 3. Circle Of Dreams (3) Akshay K 56, 4. Sassy Sarah (5) Trevor 55.5, 5. Thessalian (4) Mukesh K 55.5, 6. Kiss Of Grey (6) Yash 55, 7. Splendid Dream (7) Shreyas S 53 and 8. Waitara (8) Neeraj 51.5.
1. CIRCLE OF DREAMS, 2. RODNEY, 3. WAITARA

3 DUPONT PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 4.00: 1. Husanara (4) Darshan 62.5, 2. Annabelle (6) Aleemuddin 61, 3. Lucero (7) Jagadeesh 61, 4. Razzmatazz (8) S. Sachin 61, 5. White Secret (12) A. Ramu 61, 6. Jalwa (1) Asirvatham 60, 7. Whitney (9) Rayan 60, 8. Meghann (11) Laxman S 59.5, 9. Femme Fatale (5) Kiran Rai 59, 10. Striking Arrow (3) Vaibhav 59, 11. Princess Jasmine (2) Suhas K 58 and 12. Lorven's Glory (10) M. Rajesh K 54.5.
1. ANNABELLE, 2. RAZZMATAZZ, 3. HUSANARA

4 KUNIGAL STUD TROPHY (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 4.30: 1. Ricardo (1) Aleemuddin 61.5, 2. Mandarino (5) Pavan 59, 3. Star Glory (4) M. Prabhakaran 55, 4. Kalamitsi (3) Trevor 54.5, 5. Excellent Lass (6) Yash 53 and 6. Never Give In (2) Antony 53.
1. EXCELLENT LASS, 2. KALAMITSI

5 DEAN STEPHENS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 5.00: 1. Atman (5) G. Vivek 56, 2. Bartolino (8) Pavan 56, 3. Conquistador (7) Darshan 56, 4. Duke Of Buckingham (6) Vaibhav 56, 5. Siege Storm (1) Akshay K 56, 6. The Archer (4) Trevor 56, 7. Ashwa New York (3) Yash 54.5 and 8. Royal Legacy (2) Neeraj 54.5.
1. THE ARCHER, 2. SIEGE STORM, 3. BARTOLINO

6 AZHAR PLATE (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5.30: 1. Final Call (9) Trevor 60, 2. Ebotse (5) Aleemuddin 59, 3. Flash (1) Md. Ashraf Reza 59, 4. Super Kind (7) Neeraj 59, 5. Chisox (10) A. Hangal 56, 6. Sunlit Path (4) Darshan 55, 7. LG's Star (8) G. Vivek 54, 8. Roadrunner (2) Laxman S 54, 9. Superhero (3) Arshad 52.5 and 10. Michiko (6) M. Rajesh K 50.5.
1. FINAL CALL, 2. LG'S STAR, 3. SUNLIT PATH
Day's best: FINAL CALL
Double: CIRCLE OF DREAMS – EXCELLENT LASS
Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Mini Jkt: 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

Confident Jamshedpur hosts injury-hit Bengaluru

Need of the hour: Coach Munoz says BFC has to be better in both boxes. X@BENGALURUFC

ISL

Sports Bureau

Bengaluru FC faces a tough task against Jamshedpur FC in their ISL match at JRD Tata Sports Complex (Jamshedpur) on Saturday. BFC (17 points) trails second-placed Jamshedpur FC by four points as the league moves to the business end.

BFC's hopes of mounting a serious challenge for the title took a hit as the side settled for draws in its last three fixtures.

"We have to be better in both boxes. We are improving the mechanics of pressing, but we must be more effective in defending the box and the sides, and more aggressive in finishing accurately in attack," BFC head coach Pep Munoz said.

BFC has to contend with the absence of Nikhil Poojary and Ashique Kuruniyan.

"Nikhil and Ashique are still out. Nikhil has a hamstring injury, and his recovery period is at least 10 days. Ashique will be out for more than a month," Munoz said.

JFC, meanwhile, is well placed in the race to emerge as champion. JFC will rely on the pace of Mohammad Sanan and the creative spark of Madih Talal to test BFC's defence.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Vaidehee, Zeel in semis

TUMAKURU: Vaidehee Chaudhari and Zeel Desai advanced to the singles semifinals of the Tumakuru Open ITF W35 at the Tumakuru District Tennis Courts, Tumakuru, on Friday.

Top seed Justina Mikulskyte and second seed Zuzanna Pawlikowska also survived stern tests in their quarterfinal fixtures.

In doubles, Vaidehee and Pawlikowska entered the final.

The results: Quarterfinals: Zeel Desai bt Arina Arifullina 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Zuzanna Pawlikowska (Pol) bt Elina Nepliy 1-6, 7-5, 3-0 (retired); Vaidehee Chaudhari bt Ekaterina Yashina 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5; Justina Mikulskyte (Lithuania) bt Ksenia Laskutova 5-7, 6-0, 6-2.
Doubles: Semifinals: Vaidehee & Pawlikowska bt Akanksha Dileep Nitture & Michika Ozeki 6-1, 6-2; Laskutova & Nepliy bt Sravya Shivani Chilakalapudi & Zeel 6-1, 6-2.

Abhinav sails past Bala Pranay

BENGALURU: Karnataka's Abhinav Garg defeated Bala Pranay 21-19, 21-7 in the boys' under-19 quarterfinal of the Yonex-Sunrise All India junior ranking badminton tournament here.

In the girls' under-19 quarterfinal, fifth seed Tanvi Patri downed Tanvi Reddy 17-21, 22-20, 22-20 in a hard-fought encounter.

Gutsy performance: Zeel exults after winning a point.

Cycling race in Mysuru

The L'Etape Mysuru by Tour de France cycling race will be held on October 4 in Mysuru. Organised in association with Karnataka Tourism and in partnership with NEB Sports, the event is part of the global L'Etape by Tour de France series. The event offers four categories – 100 km (The Race, for competitive riders), 50 km (The Ride, for fitness enthusiasts), 20 km (family fun ride) and 1 km (kids & community).

Vignesh's all-round show to the fore

Vignesh Srikanth (four for 31 and 85 n.o.) powered Wadiyar CC past Swastic Union (2) by six wickets in the KSCA under-16 inter-club tournament.

The results: Swastic Union (2) 148 in 34.5 overs (Kartik Rathod 46, Vignesh Srikanth 4/31) lost to Wadiyar CC 149/4 in 22.5 overs (Vignesh Srikanth 85 n.o.).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 260/8 in 50 overs (Niranjan Ashok 47, Arnav Ravindra 93) bt Jawahar SC (1) 121 in 36.5 overs.

Jupiter CA 118/5 in 28 overs (Akhib Syed 60 n.o.) lost to Herons CC 123/2 in 15.3 overs (Brijesh Nagarkar 42 n.o.) (Overs reduced due to wet outfield).

Cavaliers CC 108 in 38 overs (Jash Karia 6/11) lost to Cambridge CC 111/3 in 14.1 overs.

Mathikere CC 104 in 31.3 overs (Khrishay Reddy 3/28, Paarth Madan 3/3) lost to Vijaya CC 106/2 in 14.1 overs (Rayyan Khan 42 n.o., Anjaney Gupta 41 n.o.).

LIVE TELECAST

Archery World Cup: Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 7.30 & 11.30 a.m.
ISL: Sony Sports Ten 2 & FanCode, 5 & 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 & JioHotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
LaLiga: FanCode, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)
IPL: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.

SNAPSHOTS

Odisha downs SC Delhi

NEW DELHI: Odisha FC beat Sporting Club Delhi 2-1 in an ISL fixture at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Friday. After 11 games each, Delhi and Odisha are 10th and 11th on the table with 10 points each. The Delhi outfit has a better goal difference.

The result: Sporting Club Delhi 1 (Babovic 74-pen) lost to Odisha FC 2 (Suhair 4, Mafela 13).

Bharadwaj and Manisha best among Indians after day one

ALMATY: Shapath Bharadwaj hit two perfect series and followed it up with 21 shots in the third series to end day one of the men's trap event with a total of 71 hits from 75 in the ISSF World Cup for Shotgun here on Friday.

Manisha Keer, with a score of 69, was the best-placed Indian women in her trap event.

Vivaan Kapoor also shot a perfect 25 in his second series, after starting with 22 and finishing with 23 shots in the third.

Ahvar Rizvi, shot 23, 22 and 23 to finish day one on 68 at the Asanov Shooting Club.

Udaivir Singh Jaijee and Ali Aman Elahi, competing for ranking points, scored 71 and 66 respectively.

Manisha began with two consecutive series of 24 before finishing with a total score of 69 after hitting 21 in the third. She is currently in 17th position.

National champion Neeru Dhanda hit 23, 23 and 22 to finish the day in 21st place with a score of 68.

Pragati Dubey shot 65 (18, 23, 24) to be placed 35th.